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## Benefit cheat escapes prison sentence by a 'cat's whisker'

A benefit cheat has escaped a prison sentence at Cardiff Crown Court "by a cat's whisker", writes AJ SICLUNA.

Chanice Bowen (24) a married mother of one, had obtained a total of £21,696 over a two-year period said prosecutor Andrew Davies.

Bowen of Ramsey Road, Barry had been convicted by Cardiff Magistrates of three charges of benefit fraud and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

Mr Davies said she had obtained payouts unlawfully for income support, housing benefit and council tax benefit.

Judge Stephen Hopkins QC said: "This was a case of greed not need."

He added: "Offences such as these are easy to commit but difficult to detect."

He said many people regarded benefit departments as "a soft touch".

He remanded Bowen in custody overnight before sentencing her to 10 months' imprisonment suspended for two years.

He also ordered her to carry out 120 hours unpaid work and to pay costs of £500.

He told her that he had no doubt that being in custody had been a shock to her system, and added: "You have escaped immediate imprisonment by a cat's whisker."

Earlier, Mr Davies said: "This was

dishonesty from the outset."

He said that in January 2013 she wrote to various departments indicating falsely that a man who had been living with her had left.

But this was not true said Mr Davies and in October 2013 the two were married at Barry Register Office.

In December 2015 she was interviewed by the authorities, and she said there was no change in her circumstances and no man was living at her address.

When the date of her marriage was put to her she said she could not remember what she was doing on that day.

The court heard she had convictions for two offences involving the theft of a credit card using it to buy a wedding dress.

Her solicitor Adam Sharp said: "There is good reason to deviate from an immediate prison sentence."

He said she had been candid about what she had done and in the past had suffered from post-natal depression.

"There is remorse and the impact of custody would be positively grave. Last July her father died aged only 43."

Mr Sharp said her home life was stable and she was actively seeking employment.

She recognised her wrong-doing and had been repaying the benefit at £68 a week.

To date, he said, she had repaid about £2,000.

## Biomass plant protest DAY OF ACTION!



**HUNDREDS of people from the town attended a protest on Saturday, April 8, against the Biomass UK No 2 plant at the docks, writes TIM CHAPMAN.**

People gathered in King Square at midday and listened to speeches from a cross-section of campaigners and politicians, and then marched down Holton Road chanting 'No Barry Incinerator...No Barry Incinerator'.

The protesters certainly made their voices heard because shoppers and shop owners came out onto the

pavements to watch the march.

On what was a glorious, sunny afternoon when many people will have been tempted to go out for the day, it was an impressive show of strength by local people.

Campaigner Alexis Liosatos appealed to people in the crowd to sign the petition opposing the plant and outlined a number of objections to it, including the proximity of the plant to the town and local residents, and the danger of what might be emitted. He also demanded a proper examination of the biomass licence.

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## Road to Llandow tip not paved with good intentions...

**W**ITH regard to M Edwards's letter in The GEM (March 30), whereas I agree with some of the comments, I really have an issue with the comment 'The Vale of Glamorgan provides an excellent recycling and disposal site at Llandow'.

When were you last at the site and what make of all-terrain vehicle did you use?

Please let me know.  
Derek Dew, Vale of Glamorgan.

## Brexit: 'Britain has inflicted much self-harm'

**I**N leaving the European Union, we have inflicted a great deal of self-harm on ourselves.

For some time now, the UK has been largely an importer of goods, not an exporter. In fact, the UK's trade balance has been in deficit since 1998.

Despite this, we are now the only country in the world seeking to leave a free trade area. We must be the stupidest country on the planet, led by a stupid political party led by Boadicea and The Three Stooges.

The true villain of the DEAD PIGEON SAGA

**W**HILE in Barry recently, my friend and I noticed a dead pigeon hanging from the Tabernacl Church, across from the Square.

When I contacted the council, they said it was a matter for the RSPCA.

The RSPCA said that as the bird wasn't injured, they would not get involved.

The contact at the church said they couldn't afford a scaffold to get on the roof.

As the pigeon has been there for five or more weeks, caught on a wire on the roof, isn't it about time someone got it down? I have had an operation, so I am not able to climb so high.

Clive Harris.

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## Use of the term 'some independents' misleading

**T**HE latest 'false news' from Coun Chris Franks' propaganda sheet in Dinas Powys states the following:

**Dinas Powys by-pass:** "We are very worried that the Conservatives and Independents have handed over power for major road schemes to a regional consortium of councils, including Cardiff and the Valleys".

**Council tax:** "We opposed an increase of 2.8 per cent. Labour and some independent councillors supported this increase."

**Over development:** "We opposed large scale housing. However, Conservatives and some independents enthusiastically support ever more urban sprawl".

I spoke out about his deliberate use of 'some independents' as highly misleading when he used it in his report to Dinas Powys Community Council. He should have used the term, 'Llantwit Major First Independents', and included my complaint in the minutes.

He is using it to attack me in Dinas Powys, but Coun Franks tarnishes all six Vale of Glamorgan independent councillors with his cheap slur.

His negative campaigning and wild attacks are

## Cut speed limit on this dangerous road

**T**HE A48, from the Laleston roundabout to the Ewenny roundabout, should be restricted to 40mph.

This is a very busy road, with a 60mph speed limit and a pavement only on the opposite side of the road to Broadlands.

All pedestrians have to cross this busy road. There have been a number of accidents when people have been

seriously injured or killed in the last 10 years.

How many more must there be before any action is taken?

A few signs altering the speed limit must be affordable. The speed limit on the dual carriageway from the Cowbridge roundabout to the M4 motorway was reduced some years ago to 50 mph - when there were far fewer pedestrians using this road - or accidents. Mrs G Gore, Broadlands.

## Greyhound rescue

**W**E would appreciate it, please, if you would pass on our sincere thanks to the wonderful motorists on the Ewenny to Ogmere by Sea road (B4524) who stopped their vehicles to enable us to save our recently rescued greyhound from being run over today (Tuesday, April 4 at around 1pm).

She had decided to run from our parked vehicle outside the Watermill public house/restaurant, and without your quick actions, we would have not still had our wonderful girl this evening. We shall be forever grateful. Thank you again. Fred and Margaret Kent, Pyle.

looking more and more desperate. I believe voters are not taken in by his tactics and grabbing credit for others' hard work.

Judging by his colleagues' abysmal attendance records at Vale Council meetings, you might think he would be a little more circumspect.

Christopher Williams  
Elected member for Dinas Powys.

**Coun Chris Franks responded:**

Plaid Cymru has a fine record of fighting for their communities.

In Dinas Powys, we have opposed large-scale building without the necessary roads and public transport.

We have helped save the library. Many independents as well as their Conservative friends, voted against Plaid's proposal that the bypass be included in the all-important Vale Transport Plan.

We were delighted, after years of hard work by residents and councillors, that the new Cross Common junction was constructed.

Plaid has secured seven acres of land at the former St Cyres school site for community use. Also, we have protected parkland from sell-off.

In Barry, we have consistently opposed the incinerator. We successfully stopped the car parking charges and worked for improved traffic safety measures. In Penarth, we have campaigned for environmental improvements and better transport.

All too often, many independents claim to make their own minds up, but generally vote as a group. As we see in Penarth, the background of the 'independent' candidates was Conservative until a few weeks ago.

## Nominate volunteer

**T**ENOVUS Cancer Care would like to encourage any of your readers who have been helped by volunteers from the charity to nominate them for an award to celebrate their work.

Nominations for the annual Tenovus Cancer Care Volunteer Awards will close on Monday, April 17 so we're encouraging anyone who would like to nominate a volunteer to get their nomination in now!

The annual awards recognise the contribution of volunteers to Tenovus Cancer Care, and the difference they make to the lives of cancer patients and their loved ones. The charity has almost 2,000 volunteers across the country.

Five award categories are based on the values of Tenovus Cancer Care: creative, respectful, bold, supportive and inspiring. Awards are also presented for Young Volunteer of the Year, a Group award, and an overall award for Volunteer of the Year.

Anyone who would like to make a nomination can visit [tenovuscancercare.org.uk](http://tenovuscancercare.org.uk) or visit their local Tenovus Cancer Care shop.

So get nominating! Katie Taylor, (volunteer development manager, Tenovus Cancer Care).

## 'Reasons for voters to do research'

**H**AVING read in the edition of March 30, 'a personal view by GEM reader David Alexander', and the Vale leader's article on page 15, I have now lodged my objection to the plant under construction at Woodham Road.

I share Mr Alexander's horror at the lack of consultation, and have to add that my horror is undiminished by the fact that this is what I have come to expect from the Vale Council.

In common with many others, I see this as the latest in a string of attempts by the council and/or Welsh Government, to "pull the wool over" the eyes of the electorate.

Previous attempts (and this list is by no means exhaustive) which

spring to my mind are: The missing millions from the sale of land in Barry.

The consultation fiasco over the feeder school system in 2012. The travellers' site at Sully.

The 'confusion' over the commissioning of the Nuffield report.

Any number of planning controversies.

Since the powers that be are minded neither to consult with, nor to educate the electorate on such matters, I would strongly advise all voters to do some independent research before going to the polls.

An excellent starting place would be the petition put before the Welsh Assembly P-04-666 - it's quite short!

It is only a pity that newspapers for which we have to pay do not provide a platform for airing local issues, in the way The GEM does.

Alyson Fairweather, Barry.

## 'Disgusted' by the gasification plant go-ahead

**I**TOO was unaware that the gasification plant had been proposed and granted planning permission, until it was too late, and I join the late objectors in expressing my horror at this.

I have written to Natural Resources Wales to add my voice.

I am absolutely disgusted that the Welsh Government and the Vale Council have granted planning permission to locate this facility in one of the most densely populated towns in Wales.

A massive 'thank you' to all of the people who have mobilised and attended meetings.

I appreciate what you're doing for Barry. Sarah Jones, Barry.

## 'Get more active'

**K**EEPING physically active is vital to maintaining a healthy heart. However, recently we revealed new statistics which showed that over one million adults in Wales are failing to meet the recommended level of physical activity, significantly increasing their risk of heart disease and early death.

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26.2 miles in your own time, whether it's over four hours, four days or four weeks. More than 30,000 people of all fitness levels took part in MyMarathon last year, raising over £1 million for the BHF's life saving heart research. Why not take on the challenge this May and help give your physical activity a boost.

Every pound raised could help us accelerate the right against heart disease, and make a real difference to the 374,500 people locally that are living with its burden.

You can sign up to MyMarathon by visiting [bhf.org.uk/mymarathon](http://bhf.org.uk/mymarathon) where you will find helpful tips and advice on how to get started.

Dr Mike Knapton, Associate Medical Director at the British Heart Foundation

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# Ex-builder beat up his former partner's friend

**AN unemployed builder who attacked a man he spotted with his ex-long term partner, has been given a suspended sentence at Cardiff Crown Court.**

Andrew Hopkins (39) acted in anger when he went into a "jealous rage", said Judge Michael Fitton.

Hopkins, of York Place, Barry, pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to charges of wounding and harassment.

The Judge said he should be utterly ashamed and added: "It was disgraceful behaviour."

by A J SICLUNA

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said Hopkins had a 13-year relationship with Victoria A'Hearne (34), but the pair broke up.

Hopkins was unable to face this and continued to contact her.

In September last year, she went to the cinema with a friend, Matthew Curtis. When she returned home, Hopkins sent her text messages before following Mr Curtis and punching and kicking him to the face and head.

Mr Curtis at one point raised an arm in

self defence and suffered a fractured wrist.

Jeffrey Jones, for Andrew Hopkins, said Hopkins had had a stable relationship with Ms A'Hearne, and when it ended he became homeless and suicidal.

In a victim impact statement, Mr Curtis said he had problems sleeping, experienced flashbacks and constantly looked over his shoulder.

Hopkins was jailed for a year, the sentence suspended for 18 months, and ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work. He was also ordered to pay his victim £500 compensation.

## Residents' call for dog bins successful

**DOG owners and residents of White Farm are delighted that bins have been reinstalled in the park space abutting the estate.**

The bins, which were originally along the footpath of the park space, were taken away when it was found that they were being used for dog waste, as opposed to the general waste intended.

Residents first raised the issue with Persimmon, the housing developer responsible for White Farm, in August 2016, and were told at the time that due to the inappropriate use of the general waste bins, no plans were in place to replace those removed from the popular dog-walking spot.

Following a lengthy eight-month discussion between the residents, Persimmon and the Vale



Council, a solution has been brought forward, as numerous bins have now been reinstalled with the function of facilitating general waste as well as dog waste.

Vale MP Alun Cairns, who represented

residents in discussions with Persimmon and the Council, said: "I am delighted that the bins have been reinstalled in White Farm. The removal of the original bins only exacerbated the issue, resulting in hazardous dog

excrement being left on the footpath. I was frustrated that it had taken this long for the residents' needs to be recognised.

"However, when I talk to dog walkers who use this path multiple times per day, it is clear

that these will be a welcome addition to the green space facing the housing.

"With the ideal waste facilities now in place, I am sure residents will enjoy using the footpath all the more."

## Fun day in Dinas Powys



*A cheque for £500 is handed to Emily Ward-Smith, founder of Dinas Vets, by Margaret Hayley, chair of Dinas Powys community council.*

**SPONSORED** by Dinas Vets, a new initiative is being organised in Dinas Powys - a 'Fun Day', on Bank Holiday Monday (August 28).

A spokesperson said: "There will be activities for all the family to enjoy, so bring the children, grandchildren, and the dog for a relaxed day out on the common, next to the rugby and cricket grounds."

"All the activities will be organised and run on a voluntary basis by the local sports clubs, youth movements and charitable organisations. "Activities planned include short tennis, ball games, boules, bouncy

football, games and a variety of stalls. There will also be plenty of food and liquid refreshments.

"A major attraction will be a competitive dog show for all pooches big, small, ugly and beautiful; for example the waggiest tail, best party trick and k."

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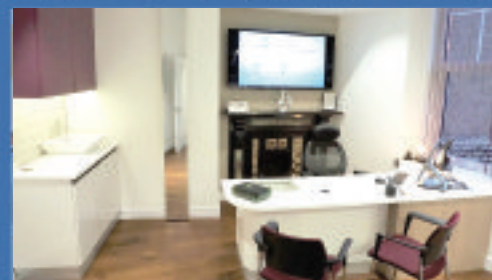
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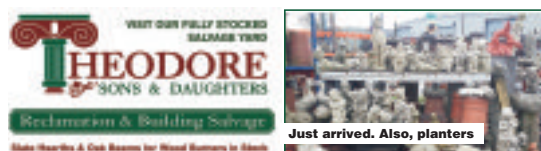
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# TAI CHI CLASSES IN PENARTH



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PENARTH Leisure Centre has hosted a programme of Tai Chi classes recently, as the Vale Council's exercise referral team aims to help residents become more active.

Tai Chi Movements for Wellbeing classes have been running since January, and are for residents of the Vale suffering from diverse health problems. The sequence of movements is designed to help regain and maintain flexibility and find a renewed vitality for the body.

The movements are slow, to ensure that the Exercise Referral specialists can check for imbalances in posture and to allow any build-up in tension to be released.

One of the participants, Andrew Sutherland, was referred to the scheme by his GP

following a heart attack.

Mr Sutherland said: "After by-pass surgery, I began seeing Craig Nichol, the Exercise Referral specialist at Penarth Leisure Centre, and gradually increased my fitness through treadmill exercises.

"For the last eight weeks, however, I have been joining the group at the Tai Chi classes and I have found that my mindfulness, as well as my fitness, has continued to improve."

Exercise Referral classes currently running across the Vale can be found at [http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/enjoying/Sports-and-Play/exercise\\_referral/Exercise-Referral-Classes.aspx](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/enjoying/Sports-and-Play/exercise_referral/Exercise-Referral-Classes.aspx). The team can be contacted at [ExerciseReferral@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:ExerciseReferral@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk), or 01446 403000.

## Barry Men's Forum hears of Vikings and millionaires

**BARRY Men's Forum chairman Mac Tanner welcomed speaker Alan Thorn, to a recent meeting.**

He did not require any introduction, having shared his immense knowledge of local history with members previously.

Starting from earliest times when remnants of Neolithic people have been identified, to the Romans – who used Penarth Head as a lookout point with beacons – and the Vikings, who not only settled on Flat Holm in the 9th century, but also raided the area.

In the 15th and 16th centuries, the area was renowned for pirates and smugglers.

Urbanisation began in the 1870s with the explosion of the coal mines

and the completion of a railway from Cardiff to Penarth. Notable people who lived in Penarth included John Batchelor, the largest ship-owner at the time, whose statue is in Cardiff, and the Lascelles Carr family.

They had vast wealth in shipping and owned the Western Mail and News of the World until the family sold it to News Media.

The last meeting of the Forum will be on April 20, when the speaker will be Roger Davies talking on the 'Princess Flying Boat'.

The following week, members are going on their annual trip, this year to the helicopter museum, near Weston.

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## Independent is to hold meeting at Glenbrook

**THROUGH** The GEM I'd like to announce that I'm standing as an independent candidate in my home ward of Cadoc, Barry.

Why independent? Two reasons really. I don't believe that any political party currently

represents the average person in the street; you and me. I also don't believe that party politics has a place in local issues.

Readers can't help but have noticed the frustrations that I have commented upon over the years; with transport links, anti-social behaviour and my attempts to establish an all-weather heritage

tourism facility being among them.

According to feedback I have received, many readers share these frustrations.

This is why I am standing as an independent candidate, intent on fighting for a common sense approach to local issues.

On a local level, I want to help support our education system, and to raise young people's aspirations through encouraging training and education.

This is an aim that I currently seek to achieve with Barry's young people as a volunteer civilian instructor with the town's Air Training Corps squadron.

Of course, I don't expect anyone to vote for someone they don't know, so I've arranged a meeting at the facilities room at the Glenbrook Inn, Dobbins Road from 7pm to 9pm on Tuesday, May 2. This is two days before the election.

So, pop along to meet me and help bring my attention to the issues affecting you.

**Ade Pitman, Independent candidate for Cadoc Ward.**

## Knitters' Bath visit

**MEMBERS of Sully U3A's Knitters and Stitchers Group recently had a day out to Craft4Crafters at the Bath and West Showground at Shepton Mallet.**

They were able to buy items for present projects and find ideas for new ones!

Knitters and Stitchers is one of nearly 40 groups at Sully U3A. New members are welcome to drop in to a monthly meeting to see what U3A has to offer.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 13, at 2pm in the Old School, Sully, when the speaker will be Brian Davies whose topic will be 'William Edwards, Bridge Builder'.

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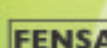
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## Oak Field pupils quick on the draw!



**THE children of Oak Field Primary School have been delighted to take part in the Easter drawing competition run by Barry Round Table.**

The Round Table were kind enough to donate 20 eggs to give as prizes to children across the school to

take part in this fabulous competition.

The entries have now been sent off to the Round Table to see if they will win reading books for their school... Watch this space!

**NICOLA DANIELSEN**  
Oak Field Primary School, Barry

## Glamorgan WIs helping to preserve jewel in the crown

**ON April 3, 200 ladies from the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes, attended a lunch at the Aberavon Beach Hotel – to support an appeal for Denman College.**

The jewel in the WIs' crown, is a grade II listed Georgian mansion set in 17 acres of grounds at Marcham near Abingdon. It was founded in 1948, and named after Lady Denman, the first

chairwoman of the National Federation, and its aim was to advance the education of women from all over the country. It offered residential and day courses in cooking, crafts and lifestyle and continues to do so today.

The late-17th century mansion requires much upkeep, so an appeal was launched in 2016 to raise £2 million by 2018 for its essential maintenance.

Glamorgan Federation has risen to the challenge and the lunch was just one of many fundraising activities taking place in WIs all over the county.

After a delicious lunch, the ladies enjoyed a wonderful spring-themed flower arranging demonstration by Daphne Furneaux, who has won many competitions, including a gold at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Carolyn Davies, who is coordinating the appeal in Wales, said that to date, £350,000 has been raised nationwide for Denman.

### 'CLEAN UP ISLAND'

**IF Barry Island is to be promoted as a resort, it's no good just litter picking the promenade and beach.**

It's obvious that Friars Point has not been cleaned recently – very bad management, in my opinion.

Mike Dunn, Barry,

## TRADERS' FINES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED IN DINAS POWYS

**FINES levied on small shopkeepers in Dinas Powys have been cancelled following protests.**

The fines were for alleged inappropriate storage of cardboard and paper. In some cases the large storage bins did not have locks and this was judged to be an offence.

The cancellation of fines has been warmly welcomed by Plaid Cymru members who have been campaigning against them.

They amounted to £2,400 in Dinas Powys.

Richard Grigg, on behalf of Plaid, said that it was wonderful news because there was danger harsh enforcement would undermine the economic health of local shopping centres.

Coun Val Hartrey added: "We have been supporting the traders from day one. They have been very badly treated. There was no attempt to discuss matters with the traders just serving of a notice demanding £300 or £600 from each shop."



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## Soroptimists enjoy an evening of glamour and fashion at John Lewis



John Lewis staff, the fashion show models and members of Soroptimist International Barry and District.

MEMBERS of Soroptimist International Barry and District, at the invitation of and with the co-operation of the staff at the John Lewis store in Cardiff, recently held a very successful 'Beauty and Fashion Show' in the third floor restaurant.

The event started with Cava, canapés and macaroons, which put everyone in the party mood. Laura of Liz Earle beauty products did an excellent beauty presentation and the personal stylists at John Lewis dressed the models who were all club members.

This very enjoyable event raised £1,167 for the president's charities and members were extremely grateful to the staff at John Lewis for not only staging the event, but also supplying the superb refreshments as well as raffle prizes.

The attached photo shows members of John Lewis staff with the models together with members who were involved in the organisation of the event.

To find out more about the club visit [www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district](http://www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district)

Members also give talks on the aims and objectives of Soroptimism to local groups. If you are interested please contact us via our website.

Christine Drury

## Barry school hosts launch of new scheme

A NEW national project to help improve the computing skills of Welsh primary school-children was launched on April 5 by Secretary for Education, Kirsty Williams AM.

The 'Barefoot Computing project' in Wales aims to help primary school teachers get to grips with computing so that they can 'inspire and excite pupils, aged five upwards, about the world of IT'.

The initiative is funded and led by BT, which has worked with the Welsh Government to offer resources for the project in Wales that are aligned to the 'Digital Competence Framework', and are available bilingually via the 'Hwb' 'digital learning platform'.

Ms Williams visited Cadroxton Primary School in Barry to see a Barefoot workshop in

action and unveiled the new online resources for teachers, which have been tailored to the Welsh curriculum in both English and Welsh.

The downloadable resources and lesson plans are targeted to help primary school teachers across Wales, some of whom may not have specialist computing knowledge.

The resources focus on concepts such as algorithms, abstraction, programming and data structures and provide ideas on how they can be used in the classroom.

Each primary school head teacher in Wales will be contacted to highlight the project, which reportedly has won acclaim from teachers elsewhere in the UK.

## Barry Court Independents' eight point plan

THE BARRY Court Ward Independents have launched their local election manifesto.

It includes eight pledges which are:  
 Support the building of more council homes.  
 Look at keeping more people independent at home.

Look at better joined up public transport.  
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 Oppose the incinerator being built at Barry Dock.  
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# Biomass plant protest!

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Mr Liosatos told The GEM that campaigners' key argument is not that all incinerators are bad, but that the Barry incinerator is simply in the wrong place.

"It has been situated much too close to thousands of homes, to 20 odd schools and scores of businesses.

"It will burn 200 tons of chipped waste wood per day containing MDF, chemical preservative, glues, varnish, plastics, paints and melamine coatings. When burned, this releases large amounts of polluting nitrogen dioxide and nano-particles into the environment.

"This incinerator is being built without assessment of the health risks to the public. They are already building the thing, without a licence to operate it!

"They're building it 'at their own risk' according to Natural Resources Wales. Clearly, Biomass thinks their licence is a foregone conclusion, a done deal, only needing to be rubber-stamped. Something smells wrong about this.

"The main problem is the incinerator's urban location. It's simply much too close to people; to large sections of Barry's population of 55,000 people.

"As well as the thousands of homes, the business and leisure facilities, I've counted twelve primary and infants schools, at least two children's nurseries and a children's hospice all within a two kilometre radius of the incinerator."

## TECHNICAL REBUTTAL

Plaid Cymru councillor Nic Hodges addressed the crowd and did not mince his words.

He said: "July 30th, 2015 is a day that will live in infamy, when by 12 votes to 5, (Vale) planning

decided to pass the incinerator in the centre of our town. I was proud to vote against."

He said he was tired of the days when large numbers of people from Barry had to travel to Cardiff for work when they'd like to work in their own town, but he was now concerned the incinerator would set that aspiration back.

Coun Hodges said it was encouraging that Barry Town Council had provided £10,000 for a 'technical rebuttal'.

To applause, he added: "The fight carries on – we have to stop this."

Neil McEvoy, AM for South Wales Central, told the crowd that the plant was not a 'done deal', adding: "We have to ban the burner."

## PUBLIC SUPPORT

Max Wallis of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth said he did not think the plant was a foregone conclusion.

"We will be able to stop this thing if we get full public support."

Local councillor Ian Johnson, who represents the Buttrills Ward, said: "Through the Docks Incinerator Action Group, residents have been fighting these plans since 2009, and it was great to see so many hundreds of Barry people demonstrating their opposition to the Barry Docks incinerator at Saturday's march."

"Residents are rightly concerned about the possible impacts of burning more than 200 tonnes of wood each day and the lorries carrying this wood to the site – especially when the centre and east end of Barry already has some of the worst air quality in Wales."

"Barry Town Council have employed an independent expert to provide us with evidence for our submission to Natural Resources

Wales, who we understand will be extending the consultation period on the licence."

"This makes it likely that our submissions will be made after the May 4 local elections, and will have to be agreed by the newly elected councillors."

"If residents want councillors who will continue to fight these incinerator plans then they will have to cast their election votes for candidates and parties who will oppose them – as Plaid Cymru has done since the beginning."

When protesters gathered at the Civic Offices in Holton Road at the end of the march, Mr Liosatos told them: "Maybe this (campaign) will usher in a better future for Barry."

"If it does get the licence to operate it will be a wrong turn and damage the chances of a brighter Barry."

The Vale Council Leader, Coun Neil Moore, told The GEM recently that the plant at the docks is "not an incinerator".

He insisted: "It is a gasification plant and is an energy recovery facility."

He added: "It will not belch out smoke and fumes, carcinogenic or otherwise."

Coun Moore added that 'gasification plants' have been in existence for many years and operated in many countries without any issues.

It people do wish to make a submission to Natural Resources Wales they should: email [permittingconsultations@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:permittingconsultations@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk); or write to Regulated Industry Permitting Team Leader, Natural Resources Wales, Permitting Service, Cambria House, 29 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF24 0TP.

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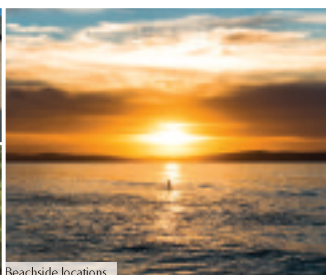
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## Vale in line for top award

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Council is in the running to be named as the best local authority in the UK. The council has been shortlisted for the 'Local Authority of the Year' award at the Municipal Journal (MJ) Achievement Awards 2017.**

Only six councils in the UK have made the final shortlist. The nomination has come at the end of a municipal year that has seen the council praised by local government secretary Mark Drakeford AM and the Vale of Glamorgan Council has done really well to get into the shortlist. It's a great tribute to the council's team."

On top of these accolades, the organisation recently scooped 'Team of the Year' at the Local Government Chronicle Awards 2017.

Rob Thomas, managing director of the council, said: "The Vale of Glamorgan Council has a long track record of delivering first class services and a deserved reputation for prudent financial management.

"In recent years, we have worked to build on this and establish ourselves as not only the best council in Wales, but in the whole of the UK."

"In 2016, we announced a new vision for the organisation, to build strong communities with a bright future. To have our work towards delivering this recognised so early into this journey, and by such a prestigious body, is a testament to how hard colleagues are working in all areas of the council."

Heather Jameson, editor of The MJ, said: "The MJ Awards always receive a large number of entries, so the Vale of Glamorgan Council has done really well to get into the shortlist. It's a great tribute to the council's team."

Only six councils in the country have made the shortlist for Local Authority of the Year. The category highlights success not just in one local authority department or project, but right across the organisation.

The awards are judged by influential commentators from the private and public sectors and the winner will be announced at a ceremony on June 15.

## What's on, and where?

### Easter Saturday in Cowbridge

WHAT could be better than coffee and homemade cakes in Cowbridge on Easter Saturday, April 15?

Age Connects Good Neighbours are holding a coffee morning in the lesser hall downstairs in the town hall. Between 10am and 12.30pm there will be cakes to enjoy and to buy for Easter tea on Sunday with the family. Access via side door.

### Easter egg hunt in Llantwit

LLANTWIT MAJOR Surf Lifesaving Club are holding an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 15. Refreshments from 12 noon and the egg hunt starts at 1pm.

### Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning will be held at Llantwit Major Library on Friday, April 21 from 10.30am to 12 noon; all proceeds to Parkinson's UK.

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### ATODLEN 2

**Lleoliad** Eagleswell Road, Llanilltud Fawr i'w chau o'r gyffordd â Boverton Road am 5m i'r gogledd.

**Llwybr Amgen** Pan fydd y ffordd ar gau bydd dargyfeiriadau ar hyd Boverton Amger Road, Ffordd Osgoi Llanilltud Fawr, Llanmaes Road a'r adran o Eagleswell Road sydd dal ar agor.

**Lleoliad 2** Boverton Road, Llanilltud Fawr o'r gyffordd â Eagleswell Road am 25m i'r gogledd-orllewin

**Llwybr Amgen** Pan fydd y ffordd ar gau bydd dargyfeiriadau ar hyd adran orllewinol Boverton Road, Le Pouliguen Way, Station Road, Heol Fawr, Heol y Bont-faen, Ffordd Osgoi Llanilltud Fawr, ac adran ddwyreiniol Boverton Road.

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## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(EAGLESWELL ROAD (PART) AND BOVERTON ROAD (PART)) LLANTWIT MAJOR (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

### SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

### SCHEDULE 2

**Location 1** Eagleswell Road, Llantwit Major to be closed from its junction with Boverton Road for a distance of 5m in a northerly direction.

**Alt Route** During this closure diversions via Boverton Road, Llantwit Major Bypass, Llanmaes Road, and the remaining open section of Eagleswell Road will be available.

**Location 2** Boverton Road, Llantwit Major from its junction with Eagleswell Road for a distance of 25m in a north westerly direction.

**Alt Route** During this closure diversions via the western section of Boverton Road, Le Pouliguen Way, Station Road, High Street, Cowbridge Road, Llantwit Major Bypass, and the eastern section of Boverton Road will be available.

**These two closures will not be in force at the same time.**

**Reason** To allow Boverton Flood Risk improvement works to take place.

**Duration** From 6.00am on Monday 24th April 2017 for a maximum period of 18 months

**NB:** Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

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## Library usage in Wales is increasing

ON April 10, philanthropic organisation, The Carnegie UK Trust, revealed the results of a new report that may offer cause for concern and reason for hope for the UK and Ireland's public library service.

The findings follow a five-year study comparing library use data from 2011 and 2016.

There has been a drop in how often people are using their local library, but there are some interesting trends emerging across the country.

Wales is only one of two areas where the level of library use has risen since 2011, with more than half of users aged between 15-24, challenging the stereotypes of who uses libraries.

Library usage has grown amongst young people in Wales, with a significant jump in library use in households with pre-schoolers and primary-aged children.

Another interesting trend is that library use has risen in the most and least deprived economic groups.

Martyn Evans, chief executive of Carnegie UK Trust said: "Public libraries remain an

immensely popular civic resource. However, we know that the future success of public libraries depends on how effectively they respond to the changing needs of their communities. Local authority budgets are under severe pressure.

"We also know that the public want libraries to do even more. People in Wales told us that they would be more likely to use the library if they could access more council services there, if libraries held more events, and if they had better information about the activities on offer."

Kathryn Parry, development manager, The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals Wales, said: "The Welsh Government has set a specific objective to target poverty and inequality in Wales, so it is really powerful to see genuine evidence of the vital role librarians and library assistants play in the lives of the most deprived."

"We also welcome the news that public libraries' outreach and audience development programmes such as the Summer Reading Challenge and 'ECALM' (Every Child a Library Member) are having a real effect in Wales."

## SPRING INTO COWBRIDGE THIS EASTER TIME!



Jon Ian will guarantee you're in the pink this season.

**COWBRIDGE** at Easter – with the sunnier, milder weather – is a popular destination for people from the Vale, and further afield, to go to for a great day out.

There is a great range of independent shops and a host of restaurants, pubs, cafes and eateries so visitors can enjoy a meal or snack during their browse along the high street.

On Cowbridge High Street, the Elephant & Bun delicatessen is gearing up for Easter with a new range of Welsh artisan beers and ciders that will make any family party go with a swing.

And now is the time to order your quiches, cheeses, salads and cakes for such special events as wedding receptions, christenings, family reunions and farewells.

Don't forget the deli's great range of home made sausage rolls, plus hot-off-the-griddle Welsh cakes as sampled at No 10 Downing Street last month.

And Saturdays wouldn't be the same without Hay-on-Wye baker Alex Gooch's beautiful artisan breads and Nata's custard tarts and doughnuts; only available for sale in Cowbridge at the Elephant & Bun Deli.

Across the road from The Bun, is Jon Ian,



Fancy spinning a yarn? La Mercerie, in Old Mason's Yard, is the place to go.

run by Esther Hitchcock, which has settled into new and larger premises.

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Jean Tait runs La Mercerie, in Old Mason's Yard, and supplies all types of yarn and things connected with knitting.

Knitting is a pretty social thing, and a number of groups meet at Jean's shop to compare notes and enjoy a gossip while they knit.

In fact, in June, Jean is hoping to bring as many knitters as possible from around the area together for a charity event.

She said: "On Saturday, June 10, it will be 'worldwide knitting in public day' and we have decided to get together to support another charity event, organised by the Jo Cox Foundation."

"That charity is putting on community street parties, and we will be knitting bunting to help with the street party decorations."

## RNLI RETURNS TO WELSH BEACHES

RNLI lifeguards will return to safety duty on seven Welsh beaches over Easter as the charity urges visitors to take care at the seaside.

Lifeguards have completed all their training and will be back on Tenby South Beach and Whitesands Beach in Pembrokeshire, Three Cliffs Bay on Gower, Aberavon Beach in Port Talbot, Coney Beach and Trecco Bay in Porthcawl and Whitmore Bay on Barry Island over the Easter holiday period, ready to offer safety advice and assistance to people venturing to the coast.

RNLI lifeguards will patrol 38 beaches across Wales in 2017. Figures released recently showed lifeguards across the country responded to 1,271 incidents and rescued or assisted 1,436 people in 2016.

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## Lessons on children's rights at 'Pupil Voice' conference

**FIVE** Vale secondary schools recently sent school council members and staff to attend the annual 'Pupil Voice' conference.

Held at Barry's Memorial Hall in late March, the conference began with council members providing feedback to pupils on the latest school council audit.

The Vale Council holds an audit of all school councils on a biannual basis to ascertain compliance with Welsh Government regulations regarding school councils, and to encourage good practice.

Pupils also had the opportunity to learn about children's rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, when a presentation was delivered by the Vale Rights Ambassadors to outline some of the 42 rights all children and young people in the world possess.

Following this, the young attendees were updated on what the Vale Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor have been doing recently.

They then went on to learn about how they will be affected by Welsh Government's Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) 2015 Act, which aims to encourage residents to work together, look at the long-term (as well as focus on the now), and take action to prevent life's problems escalating.

Andrew Borsden, lead officer of social inclusion and well-being for the Vale Council, said: "This type of event is vital, as it provides pupils in the Vale with the chance to have a say on matters that affect them."

"By engaging with our young residents, we enable them to become more aware of their rights, inform them on matters that will affect them in the future, and give them the platform to voice their thoughts."

"For instance, pupils had the opportunity at this event to discuss their opinions with council officers about how the Vale should implement their well-being action plan."

## National debates are to take place on BBC WALES

**BBC WALES** has confirmed it will launch a series of national debate programmes on BBC One Wales later this year.

The new programme is expected to be similar in format to Question Time and Pawb a'i Farn, visiting locations across Wales to let the public quiz a wide range of public figures face-to-face.

The programme will air either each month or to coincide with major political developments. It will also be broadcast on radio and on the BBC

News website.

The announcement follows confirmation that the BBC will invest an additional £8.5m a year in programming for Wales.

BBC Wales' head of television and iPlayer commissioning, Nick Andrews, said: "It's vital we support a national conversation at a time of such profound social and political change."

"We expect this new programme to be compelling viewing, reflecting a real diversity of opinion across our country, and to make a big impact on TV, radio, online and on social media."

## Eating puddings for charity

Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale is hosting the first Pudding Club, giving the opportunity for dessert lovers to spend an evening in pudding paradise, on May 11, from 5.45pm to 8pm at Cosmeston Lakes Country Park. At Lakeside Café, the public can sample every dessert on the menu—and at the same time raise money to support local older people in need. Guests will also enjoy a main course and complimentary soft drinks. Tickets are £10 per person. Places are limited, so call 02920 683 604.

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Women aged over 70 will not automatically be invited for breast screening, but can request an appointment by telephoning Breast Test Wales on 029 2039 7222. Anyone concerned about a breast change should visit their GP without delay.

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**B**BRITISH manufacturing company Sigma 3 Kitchens is pleased to announce the appointment of a new trade sales manager, Kevin Morgan.

Kevin (49) from Carmarthen, has previously worked in a number of sales positions across south Wales and brings with him over 20 years of experience in the kitchen manufacturing industry.

"I first started my career in the kitchens trade in 1999, so have known about Sigma 3 and its reputation for high-quality for a number of years" said Kevin.

"As a Welshman, one of the main attractions of the job was that all of the kitchens are manufactured in-house at Sigma's factory in Llantrisant. Working for a Wales-based company is something I'm incredibly proud of."

Sigma 3 Trade provides local trades people and builders with the opportunity to

purchase quality kitchen products at trade prices.

Kevin will join Sigma 3's Trade team of five to help build brand awareness and develop trade relationships across south Wales.

"Having worked in a customer-facing environment for the majority of my career, I'm really excited to join Sigma and use my experience and expertise to further establish the company's reputation as an outstanding manufacturer and supplier."

Wayne Jervis, commercial sales manager of Sigma 3 Kitchens, said: "We're thrilled to invite Kevin to the Sigma 3 team. His understanding of the industry will contribute towards not only maintaining our high standards, but elevating them even further. With a proven track-record in sales, we're excited to see what new business he's able to bring to the company."

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New trade sales manager,  
Kevin Morgan.

## Apprentice's Alana brings sweets to local festival

**THE winner of BBC's The Apprentice is bringing her sweet treats to the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival this spring.**

Alana Spencer, who runs her own baked goods company 'Ridiculously Rich' selling her delicious cakes and chocolates, has been a regular exhibitor at the Cowbridge event for a number of years.

The Apprentice champion will be taking part in a live demonstration at this year's festival, which takes place over the Whitsun May Bank Holiday weekend (May 28 and 29).

Lord Sugar's latest business partner specialises in creating indulgent, gooey treats, including chocolate brownies, peanut butter fudge cakes, crème brûlée brownies, Belgian chocolate rocky roads, salted caramel slices and sticky toffee flapjacks.

The Cowbridge Food and Drink

Festival began in 2004 and now spans the May Bank Holiday weekend with over 100 exhibitors and more than 8,000 visitors enjoying the festivities in 2016.

Visitors to the festival can expect live demos of culinary expertise from a number of local chefs throughout the weekend. Around 20 per cent of exhibitors will be new to the show this year.

Each year the festival helps support local charities and to date over £20,000 has been donated to good causes. This year they will support the Rotarians and Cowbridge Cricket Club as well as naming two further local charities.

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# AERO CHALLENGE FOR THE ENGINEERS OF THE FUTURE

**BUDDING** aircraft engineers from schools across the Vale and Cardiff have been put through their paces at a special Aero Challenge held by Cardiff and Vale College.

The year-10 pupils travelled to the College's International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT) at Cardiff Airport for the Aero Challenge. Held to mark National Science and Engineering Week, the competition was designed to give school pupils a taste of the various tasks involved in the aerospace engineering industry and to show the value of vocational education.



Ysgol Plasmawr beat competition from ten other schools to win the Aero Challenge. Tasks involved hand and eye skills and project management. The pupils also got to try their hands at a flight

simulator.

Pupil Eleri Davies said: "I thoroughly enjoyed my day at the ICAT Aeronautical Challenge. I never realised that there was such a variety of career pathways within the industry."

"It really opened my eyes to see that a career in this field would be so interesting and well paid. I will definitely be looking into a career in Aeronautical Engineering or even as a pilot!"

Fellow Ysgol Plasmawr pupil Iwan Bleasdale added: "The day at CAVC really hit home - I have an interest in engineering that I never knew I had! I especially enjoyed using the flight simulator - what an experience!"

## Vale storytelling app launched

**A NEW 'GPS-triggered' storytelling app has been launched by the Vale Council, to help visitors to the area uncover the myths and legends in its heritage.**

Tying in with Visit Wales' 'Year of Legends', the app has been developed to promote Vale Trails, a series of five coastal and five inland walks in the area.

A spokesperson said: "With the aim of highlighting the county as a 'must do' walking destination, the app brings the stories, myths

and legends of the Vale to life along each of the 10 Vale Trails."

Legends include the white lady of St Athan, who was said to have been buried up to her neck by her husband, for being unfaithful; and the legend about the captain's wife from Sully, whose dead body was kept in a box that was mistaken for treasure and stolen.

Nia Hollins, principal tourism and marketing officer, said: "Walking in the Vale of Glamorgan combines a fascinating 60 kilometre stretch of the Wales Coast Path with the picturesque, historic beauty of inland Vale."

"The area is also steeped in history and there are a number of legends and myths that are ingrained in its heritage."

The app is free to download from Apple's Appstore and Google Play. More information can be found at [www.visitthevale.com/va/tales](http://www.visitthevale.com/va/tales)

## Don't be put off by 'Fangtastic' Maverick who needs a home

**DOGS** Trust Bridgend is appealing for a new home for a 'fangtastic' dog that is being overlooked because of his unusual appearance and toothy underbite.

Handed over to the Dogs Trust Pen-y-Fai rehoming centre through no fault of his own, the quirky-looking crossbreed has his paws crossed that he won't have to wait much longer for a forever home.

Although his canine carers at the charity were instantly won over by his scruffy locks and quirky looks, 12-year-old Maverick has been ignored by hundreds of potential new owners and staff fear that he may never find the loving family he deserves.

Although he gets lots of fuss and attention from his carers who adore him, nothing compares to finding a



loving home of his own.

Proving that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, Maverick has a pronounced underbite, which does not carry any health implications and certainly hasn't stopped him from enjoying tasty treats and making an impression at the rehoming centre.

Angela Wetherall, rehoming centre manager at Dogs Trust Bridgend, said: "Maverick is a sweet boy and beautiful in his own right, and we're really hoping he finds his special someone soon. He is an older gent

so is looking for a quieter home where he can still go out on walks with his new owner, but also curl up in front of the fire at the end of the day."

"Maverick has a really sweet nature and responds really well to positive, reward-based training. Once he is settled, he would be happy to be left for a while, especially if he has some treats, as he loves food."

If you are interested in rehoming Maverick, contact Dogs Trust Bridgend directly on 0300 303 0292.

## Wales Tourism Week is on the agenda at Westminster

**THIS** year's campaign to drive the Wales tourism industry higher up the political agenda will be launched on May 11 as 'A celebration of Welsh tourism stars'.

The Wales Tourism Alliance (WTA) is co-ordinating Wales Tourism Week from May 15-21 in association with Visit Wales and the tourism industry.

Held annually to raise the profile of the industry and to highlight its revenue generating value

and the job and career opportunities it provides, the is to identify the stars of tourism in Wales.

The WTA and its partners are also engaging with further and higher education to talk about opportunities where the industry can collaborate to encourage more youngsters into the industry.

There will also be a week of co-ordinated activities meeting with politicians, senior government officials, colleges, schools, businesses, tourism associations and destination management organisations.

Wales Tourism Week will demonstrate to people of all ages that tourism and the wider

visitor economy offer a career with opportunities for employment that suit any level of aspiration.

Adrian Barsby, WTA chair, said: "We want tourism associations and businesses to engage and showcase the fantastic breadth and depth of talent we have here in Wales."

"This is what really counts and what makes us able to deliver that vital economic contribution to Wales and our local communities. Unlike other industries, tourism benefits reach all parts of Wales."

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## Caper comedy is lacking in Style!

**H**OLLYWOOD, always on the lookout for whatever will generate the most income, has taken a great interest in making films for an older, perhaps more discerning, audience.

Films like *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* have cleverly profited from the 'grey pound', and the next film to try and get in on this piece of action is *Going In Style*, a remake of the 1979 film of the same name.

It tells the story of Willie (Morgan Freeman), Joe (Michael Caine) and Albert (Alan Arkin), three honest, hard-working men whose pension funds become a corporate casualty when their company uses the money to pay off its debts.

With bills to pay and family dependent on them, the trio decide to rob the bank that took their money, a risky proposition but one that these three men decide is definitely worth it...

*Going In Style* is the kind of medium-budget comedy where the trailer shows the best bits, and everything plays out just as you expect it to. Sometimes, the predictability of these

films is leavened by the magic of the director, or the charm of the film's cast. Sadly here, despite the wealth of talent, this is a film that lacks for that magic ingredient, a perfunctory experience full of familiar gags and beats.

It very much has the whiff of a cast and director working within themselves. You can't begrudge acting royalty like Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman or Alan Arkin the opportunity to take it easy, but here none of the actors really develop the characters nor offer anything exciting.

As you might expect, Caine plays the noble member of the group, beaten down by a world of crooked finances, Freeman the cheeky and kindly member of the group, and Arkin the cantankerous, yet warm-hearted, member.

They're all performances we've seen before, and while there are small moments that thrill (Caine and Freeman escaping from a shoplifting training exercise like ET and Elliott; Arkin's gentle berating of a young man learning to play the saxophone) there's far too much of it that doesn't, the cast gently rolling on their gravitas

and little else.

Given that Zach Braff was behind the camera for this film should have given it an extra boost. While a skilled actor himself with a great sense of comic timing (evidenced by the sublime *Scrubs*), Braff has also shown himself to be a director of great subtlety and nous with *Garden State* and *Wish You Were Here*.

Unfortunately, he is unable to bring any of the edge and irreverence of those films to proceedings, the direction the kind of 'by-the-numbers' filmmaking you get in most anodyne Hollywood comedies (can we all just stop filming cityscapes from above please?!).

He does show some skilled touches in the planning of the heist and its build-up, but much like the performances, the moments of inspiration are few and far between.

It's hard to believe that scriptwriter Ted Melfi also wrote and directed the majestic (and multi Oscar-nominated) *Hidden Figures*, although it seems he used most of his screenwriting magic in that film instead of saving some for here. The script is the weakest

element here, lifeless and lacking in freshness. It plays out with such an air of pre-ordained predictability that even the moments of suspense lack any tension.

There is an argument that says that this is a film that plays on a simple theme (men beaten down by 'The Man' and decide to take action) and is undemanding enough to make for a passable viewing experience...

While that argument isn't wrong, the talent involved makes this a missed opportunity for something a bit more lively and exciting. As it is, *Going In Style* is more Going, Going,

Gone.

**VERDICT:** A perfunctory effort that lacks any fizz and punch, *Going In Style* is something of a wasted opportunity, given the talent in front of the camera (Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman and Alan Arkin) and behind it (director Zach Braff and writer Ted Melfi).

Its central caper has its moments, but by and large, this is a film that is disappointingly predictable. *Poor.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Ocean's Eleven* (2001), *Grumpy Old Men* (1993).



by **GARETH JAMIESON**  
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# Barry Pier – and the Island's new connections with coast and sea

by BRIAN KEITCH

**THE year – 1896. The place Barry – no longer an island... Whitmore beach is teeming with day trippers having a dip in the sea or having a donkey ride or in the funfair.**

After the construction of Barry Docks, the island of Barry was permanently connected to the coast and quickly became a weekend venue to the sea for thousands; the Barry Railway and Docks Company Ltd had been completed to the Rhondda and would spread its tentacles across much of the south Wales coalfield (mainly in the transportation of coal from the mines to the fast expanding docks) but with the added bonus of excursion trains to the sea.

Plans to build a tramway from Barry railway to the island were scrapped in favour of an extension of the railway to the island, which opened on August 3 of that year.

Since the arrival of

*Paddlesteamers Gwalia by the pontoon and Barry coming alongside.*



the paddle steamer *Bonnie Doon* at Bristol in 1886 and the promotions of sea excursions by a number of companies at about the same time had set up a new seasonal business.

Edwards and Robertsons of Cardiff and Peter and Alec Campbell in Bristol, among others, had set the standard with purpose-built ships for day excursions and cruises.

In common with all

other south Wales railway companies the bread and butter business was coal – millions of tons of it to be exported all over the world as well as a huge domestic market.

In 1896, the Barry railway had however been authorised to extend the Barry Island line half a mile on a gradient of one in 80 through a tunnel 280 yards long, to a station next to a low water pontoon.

This was to be Barry Pier – a station for trains and boats. The new line opened for business on June 27, 1899. The first ship to call was paddle steamer *Lady Margaret* of Peter and Alec Campbell's White Funnel Fleet. The shipping company took over 49,000 passengers from the new facility in the first year, but were sufficiently unhappy with this arrangement to request a subsidy from the Barry Railway

Company for calling there!

The problem was that by the time Campbell's steamers called at Barry Pier, their ships were already largely full up and passengers who had come down by train were left behind. Also, when Campbell's put two steamers on the Barry station, they didn't compare with profits of other ships from Cardiff, Newport and Bristol.

Without financial compensation for basing

ships at Barry the Campbell withdrew – leaving the Barry Railway Company with an enormous headache: a brand new facility with no real purpose!

The answer? Build a fleet of excursion steamers of your own and challenge the mighty White Funnel fleet! The Barry company accordingly set out to get an Act of Parliament to run their own fleet; but it came with snags.

The Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Act of August 15, 1904 wet out stringent conditions to protect other maritime companies plying on the Severn Sea. Barry steamers were permitted to carry only 'passengers and their luggage, perishable merchandise and also such small consignments of other merchandise as are usually carried by steam vessels constructed for and engaged in such passenger traffic.'

Then only allowed to travel between Barry and places on the south side of the Bristol Channel between Weston and Ilfracombe, and summer excursion as far as Hartland Point and Tenby.

*Worst of all – passengers had to embark and disembark at Barry.*

## Search is on for Wales' future leaders

**THE British Council has launched Future Leaders Connect, a programme seeking exceptional individuals from across the UK and the world – to discuss the most significant global issues facing the next generation, and young people from Wales are invited to take part.**

This new opportunity will offer leadership learning and development for those aged 18-35, providing them with the skills they need to turn innovative ideas into tangible policy recommendations, culminating in a conference in the Houses of Parliament.

Those taking part will meet and learn from heads of NGOs, policy-makers and MPs, as well as working with participants from Egypt, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Tunisia and the rest of the UK.

Shortlisted candidates from Wales will present their policy ideas to a panel of experts at the Senedd on June 15. Two

winners of this heat will go to London in October for an intensive nine-day policy and leadership training programme and join a worldwide leadership network, which is set to grow annually.

Anyone who would like to take part should submit an application online before Sunday, May 14 at <https://wales.britishcouncil.org/en>. They will be asked what their unique policy ideas are and why they have what it takes to be a global leader. They must be free to attend the heat event at the Senedd on the evening of June 15.

Director of British Council Wales, Jenny Scott, said: "An international outlook is vital for the future leaders of Wales, if they wish to overcome the challenges they will face."

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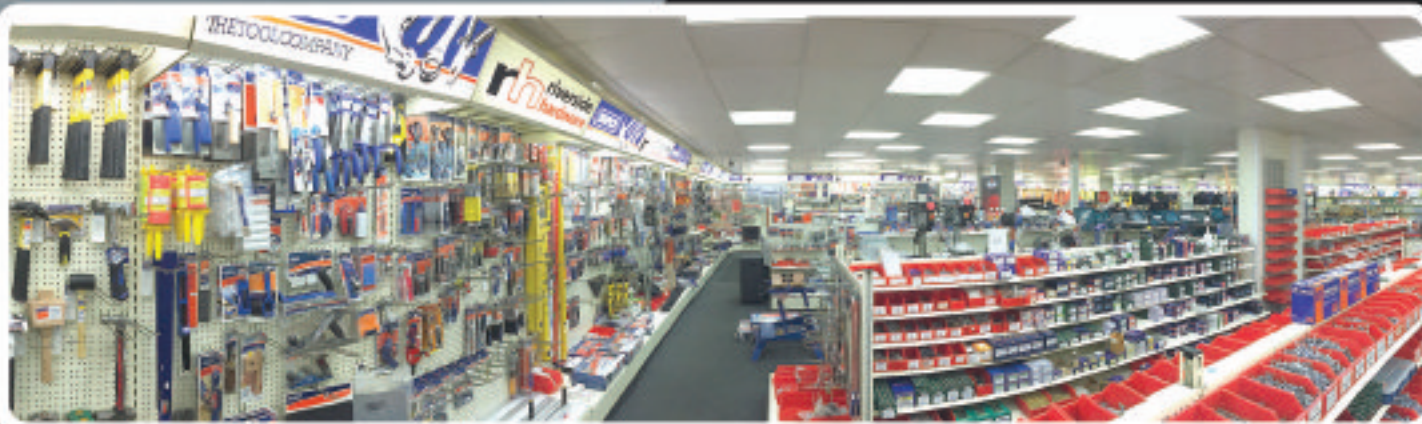
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## Nostalgic ramble in Porthkerry

**IT was a lovely morning, so my wife and I decided to see how Porthkerry was looking for the first time in 2017.**

As we bumped down Fishpond Hill and passed through the spot where the 'first gate' used to stand, a feeling of nostalgia came over me. It was here in the early 1950s that we opened and closed the gate, to allow cars to enter and later leave the park, in the hope of receiving some pennies.

In the first car park, I stepped back over 60

years to the days when as 12-year-old boys we used to play in these very woods. I soon found the 'second spring' which supplied us with fresh, running cold water, coming from a place of no interest to us, as long as it was always there.

The 'first spring' was on the walk down through the fields from the dump and too near home to be of much practical use, unless we were staying in that area.

The day's events usually began by guarding the old water mill from imminent attack, followed by a

walk in the trees to find small bushes with wood suitable for making throwing arrows.

These were more difficult to make than bows and arrows, so if you could assemble one with the right reed and taper the shaft with a sharp point, and if you could then see it fly through the air with the aid of a piece of string, life could not be more satisfying.

Back with my wife, we walked under the railway bridge and along the right-hand side of the road past the old cottage where incidentally long ago, there used to be a

second gate as an alternative source of income. Through the woodland walk, peace and tranquillity was the overwhelming feeling as two 'oldies' strolled along the paths laid out with great care by our council.

Primroses in all their splendour and, higher up, some bluebells were really enjoying the setting and the weather and this again briefly took me back in time to when we picked primroses to curry favour from our expectant mothers, in an act which is rightfully not allowed today.

Still hanging down from tall trees were the woody vines on which Tarzan used to swing from tree to tree and which we used to smoke with mixed results...

There was, however, some disappointment, with a distinct lack of small birds and the singing that accompanies

them. It would be interesting to know why, on that long walk to the main car park, we only saw two separate and lone tits and a pair of blackbirds.

Crossing the road and onto the grass, we were very surprised not to see any sign of frogs or tadpoles or indeed any life at all in the ponds and I wonder what could be the reason.

When we reached the sea with the tide high up the beach, it was wonderful to see a young father and his small son 'skimming' pebbles, so some things have not changed.

*A final thought: the walk back along the grass from the beach to the first car park always seems further than the stroll through the woods.*

*In the 1950s, the walk home from the baths was a nightmare, especially after passing the water tap in Romilly Park.*

Laurie Owen

## Big Farmland Bird Count's good news

**112 species, 240,000 birds, 78,331 acres, 975 farmers – the 2017 Big Farmland Bird Count (BFBC) has provided some fascinating results once again.**

Farmers, gamekeepers and land managers took part in this year's count to see how their conservation efforts are paying off. A total of 112 species and 22 Red List species were counted across the UK.

Fieldfare, starling, house sparrow, song thrush and yellowhammer were all counted in the top 25 and appear in the Red List species – great news!

The most abundant of these, fieldfares and starlings, were seen on over 40 per cent of the farms taking part. For the third year, the top four most abundant

species were woodpigeon, starling, rook and fieldfare with chaffinch coming in fifth.

In the Wales, 75 species of birds were recorded by the farmers across more than 5,000ha. The most commonly seen was the jackdaw, followed by pheasant, blackbird, crow and chaffinch. In addition, 15 Red List species were recorded in the county, including tree sparrow, yellowhammer and skylark.

Jim Egan, head of development at the GWCT commented: "I am delighted that so many birds have been recorded in our 4th Big Farmland Bird Count. This is an opportunity for farmers to see the results of all their hard work."

"Of the 112 species recorded, 22 were Red Listed – the highest conservation priority species, which need urgent action. To help these species, there are several options for farmers in terms of management."

For this year's count, 1951 tree sparrow were recorded on a total of 172 farms, in fact it was the 40th most commonly seen bird. Coming in 21st place on the most commonly seen bird was Yellowhammer, with nearly 5000 being

recorded on 312 farms. It's also worth mentioning there were 1786 Skylark on 143 farms across the UK.

"For the first time, those taking part in the count have been able to submit their results online and it's made a huge difference to us in terms of accuracy and analysing the data," continued Jim Egan.

Rob Gladwin head of business development & sustainability, crop protection, UK/IRE at BASF, who were sponsors of the BFBC commented: "There are some really simple measures such as nest boxes for Tree sparrow; extended grass margins for Yellowhammer and spring cropping for Skylark."

"The key thing is that these measure can sit alongside and complement efficient and productive farming."

The GWCT's Big Farmland Bird Count receives support from farmers and landowners, as well as a range of farming, industry and conservation organisations.

Sponsored by BASF, the count is run in partnership with the FWAG Association, LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming), the NFU and the CLA.

## Ground-breaking ideas for agriculture sought

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Thackray, chief executive and co-founder of Briefing Media, said: "Your business could be a software company, app developer or systems supplier. You could be using farm data, mapping or weather information in an innovative way."

"You might even have a product already launched or be in the process of prototyping. Whatever stage you are at, we want to help you achieve your goals."

Will Jackson, agricultural manager at The Co-operative Food, said: "We are committed to supporting UK farming and see our role as fundamental to helping embrace, nurture and develop the ideas generated."

To find out more, visit: [www.aginnovationden.com](http://www.aginnovationden.com).

## Clock ticking on NFU deadline

**TIME is running out to enter this year's NFU Cymru/Principality Welsh Rural Community Champion Award which recognises the role farmers play in their local community.**

The award, sponsored by the Principality Building Society, champions farmers throughout Wales who use the small amount of spare time they have away from the farm to help their local community thrive, as well as those who are digital ambassadors for the industry and

champion farming and local farming related issues online.

The winner of the award will receive £500, closing date for entries is Monday, April 17, and the winner will be announced on the Sunday of this year's Royal Welsh Spring Festival.

If you are interested in entering the award, or want to nominate someone as a community champion, email [Daniel.johns@nfu.org.uk](mailto:Daniel.johns@nfu.org.uk) or telephone 01982554200. Alternatively, download an application form at [www.nfu-cymru.org.uk](http://www.nfu-cymru.org.uk).

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**ATTENDANCE 100 per cent!** A selection of pupils in Sycamore class was awarded a certificate and a free voucher for a ice skating session.

Mr Morris presented the pupils in last week's assembly. Well done, Daniel Rees, Daisy Angove, Caitlin Townsend-Edgeworth, Karl Bunce, Charlie Bullen.

Dino Dinosaur visited Beech Tree class Mazie Bishop, Jack Bridges, Zak Bennett Bethan Bishop. World book day was a treat for the pupils. Dino the dinosaur enjoyed the day in class and the children learned all about the dinosaur adventures many years ago.

Bryn Hafren drama workshop: Monkey Puzzle and Bonsai classes enjoyed a visit to the year-10 Welsh Bacallaureate students who performed an amazing show for us. Jenner park children enjoyed a fun workshop after the performance, everyone was able to dress up and take part in the activities. Thank You, year-10.

LYN BOND

## Local art exhibition

VALE artist  
Vernetta O'Connor  
will be exhibiting  
three-dimensional  
work from April 8  
to 22 at Foxy's  
Delicatessen in  
Penarth.

She is also creating a  
book entitled 'Walking  
the Waves' containing  
information and images  
of the piers of Wales.

Artists are invited to  
submit details of their  
work if they wish to be  
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## TWO DEMOS AND A THREE-WAY CONTEST

**MARCH** this year unusually had five Fridays, and this month's programme at Barry Camera Club started with a visit from Steve Littlewood, who gave a presentation entitled 'Using Lightroom CC To Process Digital Images'.

He gave a full explanation of the opportunities that Lightroom can offer to improve the digital image before making the

final print.

The following week, there was a presentation from Gary Shinner entitled 'Success And Failure Path Since 2007'. Gary is a widely-experienced photographer who has won many awards and distinctions throughout his career.

He concentrated on architecture and cityscape, but showed a wide range of work in both colour and black and white, presented in both panels of prints and digital images.

On March 17, the club had a DVD

presentation of images recently entered in the Tom Crowe competition held at Thornbury Camera Club. The competition was tight, but Barry Camera Club came joint third with hosts Thornbury Camera Club, in a very strong field.

On March 24, the club welcomed guests from Rhondda and Gwynfa Camera Clubs for three-way print and digital images. Judged by Johnnie Rogers, the competition consisted of two rounds, firstly of prints then digital images.

Rhondda and Gwynfa jointly took the first section with 110 points each, with Gwynfa's very strong digital images winning the second round with 111 points.

Overall, the winners were Gwynfa by six points with Rhondda second and Barry, unfortunately, in third place.

The month concluded with the monthly competition night with judge Martyn Pinches, who gave a detailed and very thorough critique to every shot.

The results were as follows:

Monochrome Print: Glenn Porter with 20 points for 'Beech Avenue'. He was also

awarded second place and 19 points for 'The Joys Of Sightseeing', and third place and 18 points went to Mike Lewis for 'Jar And Flowers'.

Colour Print: First prize and 20 points to Glenn Porter for 'Ripping It Up'; second place and 19 points to Brian Trego for 'Eye Protection'; third 18 points to Glen Porter for 'Cliff Watcher'.

The Projected Image section was the most keenly contested section, and Martyn found it difficult to differentiate between the higher marked pieces.

First place with 20 points went to Tina Haydon for 'Love In A Mist'; second with 19 points to Mike Lewis for 'Headmistress'; third with 18 points to Glenn Porter with 'A Need For Speed'. Congratulations to all prize winners, particularly Glenn for multiple successes.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. New members welcome. For more information, visit the website [www.barrycameraclub.co.uk](http://www.barrycameraclub.co.uk).

## 'WHY WE WON'T WAIT'

**T**HANKS to research and modern technology, we live in an era when medical breakthroughs are producing results that truly transform people's lives.

It's shocking that the foremost drug that people with Parkinson's rely on, those like my brother-in-law, Gordon Scarfe, has not changed in over 50 years.

This is not because it's so effective that no new medication is needed – far from it. Parkinson's is a relentless, cruel condition that causes immense suffering, from deep depression and pain to complete immobility.

The lack of new treatments, and no cure, means that there is nothing to stop the relentless progression and worsening of symptoms over time for the 127,000 people living with it. It has been extremely painful and distressing to witness this at first hand, knowing there is currently nothing on the horizon that can offer Gordon the prospect of any improvement.

According to new findings from Parkinson's UK, released to highlight this

month's Parkinson's Awareness Week, misunderstanding about Parkinson's is still widespread, and it's time to create greater awareness that it causes so much more than just a tremor. We need to drive forward ground-breaking research: the science is ready and we have the knowhow to make this happen.

This year is the 200th anniversary of the condition being described by Dr James Parkinson, and Parkinson's UK have launched their first ever public fundraising appeal, We Won't Wait, to raise the funds urgently needed to tackle the condition head on.

It will be too late for my beloved brother-in-law, but I would love to see a medical breakthrough for Parkinson's during my lifetime, and I hope that your readers will join me in donating to We Won't Wait. Every penny brings us closer to new and better treatments and to the day when no one fears a diagnosis of Parkinson's.

To find out more about the We Won't Wait campaign and to donate, visit [www.wontwait.parkinsons.org.uk](http://www.wontwait.parkinsons.org.uk).

**Jane Asher, President, Parkinson's UK, London.**

## Marie Curie Helper services expand roles

**A WOMAN** who volunteered to provide support and company to people living with terminal illness is encouraging others to join the service.



**Sue Davies**

Sue Davies volunteered for the Marie Curie Helper service in 2015, providing support to an individual with lung disease for more than a year.

The Marie Curie Helper service sees volunteers provide company and companionship to those living with terminal illness and providing support to their families.

The support provided can range from providing companionship and someone to chat with, taking the individual out shopping or to a garden centre for tea and cake. Helper volunteers can

provide practical help, such as taking someone to an appointment, but are not expected to help with nursing, personal care or domestic needs.

The service is currently available in the Vale, Cardiff and the Llantrisant, Talbot Green and Pontypridd areas and will continue to expand in the upcoming year.

To discuss these roles, contact Jo Parry on 0800 304 7407 [southwaleshelper@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:southwaleshelper@mariecurie.org.uk).

### STEP INTO THE PAST

**LOCAL** history group Pastfinders begins this year's series of walks on Wednesday, April 19 in the Cold Knap area, focusing on the Roman building at Glan y Mor.

Walks co-ordinator, Andy Hinton, said: "Even though we have been doing these walks for 20 years, we are still finding out things about the local area". The group meets at 7 pm each Wednesday evening at the Gorsedd Stones, Romilly Park, until the end of August. All are welcome; the charge is £1.

## Happy Easter to everyone

**W**E'VE had some glorious weather over the past few days – and I hope that continues and we can welcome in a long and successful summer season.

With Good Friday taking place tomorrow, then the bank holiday on Monday – I hope it will allow everyone to take some time to relax and spend it with their friends and families.

In my view, the whole debate over using the term 'Easter' was rather unfortunate. While we shouldn't shy away from the fact it is a Christian festival, there's no reason why celebrating it should offend people of other faiths – or, indeed, none at all.

I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to wish all Vale residents – religious or not – a very happy Easter.

**Andrew RT Davies,**  
South Wales Central Regional AM

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# Spectre of James Bond, and a racing pedigree, appears for Aston Martin at MoD St Athan

THE age-old debate was re-ignited: what is the collective noun for Aston Martins?

Is it a 'Bond' of them? Perhaps a '00' of the famous marque? In the end, it was a 'Q of Aston Martins' that would vanquish all other suggestions.

Yet the Vanquish, while still glorious, was not the star of the show.

That honour went to the DBX (below), which will be built at the MoD St Athan site and was on view to the public last Sunday at an event to mark the official handover of the site to the iconic British brand.



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## Sensory Garden at St Illtyd school

**ST ILLTYD Primary School is celebrating the 'official' opening of its sensory garden after months of hard work, fundraising and planning.**

The school has transformed a grubby, rarely used 'quad' into a bright, fantastic space

that is loved by the children.

"The garden is used by classes as an outdoor learning space but the furnishing of it has been particularly sensitive to pupils with additional learning needs who benefit from a more sensory environment.

Bright furniture, different textures, a water feature and fragrant

plants have all been used to enhance the space.

Mr Hardy, headteacher, said: "The children really love the space and it is wonderful to see it being used throughout the day. It is a super area in which to learn but also an area where children can relax in a safe environment."

The whole project has been supported by the school's fantastic PTA who have also helped with selecting the furnishing. Another fantastic source of support has come from a local charity fishing match organised by Mr Dean Booker.

The school council are now involved to develop the area even further but would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped so far.

**'I'm Nikki and I need a quiet home'**



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## Take on Vale Photographic Club's challenge

**TWELVE members have taken part in the Vale Photographic Club's monthly challenge where each month, photographs are posted on the club's website on a nominated subject.**

So far this year, the subjects have included 'birds', 'studio' and 'trees', and now 'landscape' for April.

March started with preparations for the annual exhibition of members' work at The Old Hall, Cowbridge, which until April 7.

The programme of weekly meetings at Ystradowen Village Hall continued with the popular 'Cled's Neg' competition, in which members are invited to create something weird and wonderful using pixels in a set image.

Members' skills and imagination are always something to marvel at.

The annual competition with five

sister clubs throughout England took place via the internet. This was followed by a presentation from Paul Fears, a professional photographer much in demand by corporate and domestic clients throughout south Wales, who gave members an insight into the many facets of his work.

The monthly club competition was assessed by Leigh Woolford from neighbouring club Gwynfa, who offered lots of helpful advice.

The month ended approaching Easter, with a practical session on table-top photography using ceramic eggs and additional props supplied by members.

Modern technology allowed members' images to be projected and much jollity followed, not least from the endless stream of 'egg-xasperating' puns.

The club welcomes new members and for more details, visit [www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk](http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk).

## What's on, and where?

**Penarth Local History Society**

**ALAN THORNE will be giving a talk today Thursday, April 13 on 'The Myths of Penarth' at All Saints' Lesser Hall, Penarth, at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome; entry £2.**

**G o o d Neighbours coffee morning** A COFFEE morning takes place on Saturday, April 15 in the Lesser Hall to raise funds for the charity.

For further information, contact [bridget.palmer@ageco.net](mailto:bridget.palmer@ageco.net) or call 01446 795549.

**Easter at Lavernock** EASTER Day will be celebrated at the little Church of St Lawrence at Fort Road, Lavernock on Sunday, April 16 at 3pm.

The building will be decorated with spring flowers and an Easter garden, and there will be popular hymns, Bible readings and poetry, plus a few words from the pulpit about the meaning of Easter for today.

Free car parking is available to the left of Fort Road. For more information, contact Rev Margaret Stark on 029 20701303.

**V a l e w a y s walks**

**ON Wednesday, April 19 at 10.30am, the Barry coffee shop strollers meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap.**

Also on April 19 at

2.30pm, the Cowbridge coffee shop strollers meet at the Cowbridge Physic Garden fountain.

On Saturday, April 22 at 2pm, 'Wick and beyond' starting at the shop, Wick.

On Sunday, April 23 at 2pm, 'Porthkerry circular' starting at Porthkerry Country park at the cafe.

**Coastwatch talk** THE Flatholm Society is hosting a talk on 'The National Coastwatch Institution' by Terry Ewington of the Coastwatch Barry.

This will take place at the Kymyn, Beach Road, Penarth on Wednesday, April 19 at 7pm, refreshments provided.

We ask for a donation of £2/£3 to cover costs. For information contact Peter Sampson at [pb.sampson@ntlworld.com](mailto:pb.sampson@ntlworld.com) or on 01446404842.

**Alpha at Bethel Baptist Church** BETHEL Baptist Church in Llantwit Major is running an Alpha Course starting on April 26 at 7pm.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the meaning of life from a Christian perspective. The course runs over 11 weeks, each session looks at a different question around faith, and the talks are designed to create conversation in small groups afterwards.

It's totally free, it's run all over the globe, there's a free meal and everyone's welcome. If you are interested call Phil on 01446792348 or at [phil@bethel-llantwit.org.uk](mailto:phil@bethel-llantwit.org.uk).

# Anwen's London Marathon for two great causes

by GEM REPORTER

**If you have a story, please email: [editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk](mailto:editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk); or call 01446 774484**

**A mum of two from Llangan is taking part in the London Marathon to raise money for two causes.**

The run takes place on Sunday, April 23.

Anwen Parker (45) told The GEM: "I am soon taking part in one of the largest participation events in Britain, the London Marathon.

"I had quite a shock when the letter confirming my place arrived last September

saying I'd been successful in the ballot.

"I have never run – except a Race for Life in my 20s – so I decided to use the London Marathon's Beginner's Training Plan to get me started and keep me going.

"It has been hard especially the last few weeks when I've had to run for hours and hours.

"Perhaps the worst thing has been drinking beetroot juice! Possibly the worst flavoured juice but it seems to be doing



**Anwen Parker**

something for my aching muscles so I'm still drinking it!"

Anwen is raising funds for two causes – Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg and Teenage Cancer Trust.

She explained: "My two little girls and their cousins attend the school and I'd like to raise money towards new equipment for the pupils.

"Teenage Cancer Trust helps young people through their illness. I've known two young women who both raised a lot of money for the charity although tragically they both lost their lives to cancer at only 18 and 19. So I will be running in memory of Esme and Hannah."

Anwen would be thrilled if local people supported her marathon.

"I have set up a BT My Donate page. Ysgol Iolo, Teenage Cancer Trust and I really appreciate any donation that people can make."

Please go to: [mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/anwenparker2](http://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/anwenparker2)

## Police plea after woman dies on M4

**South Wales Police are appealing for witnesses to a fatal collision on the westbound M4 carriageway from junction 30 towards junction 32 at about 6.15pm on Friday (April 7).**

A spokesperson said that a pet dog belonging to a 66-year-old woman driver of a white VW Golf vehicle is believed to have run onto the carriageway. She had followed it, and was involved in a collision with a Ford Transit vehicle, being pronounced deceased at the scene.

A police family liaison officer has been appointed and is supporting the next of kin.

The motorway was closed for about five hours while police carried out initial investigations and recovered the vehicles.

South Wales Police would like to speak with anyone who witnessed the collision, or saw the dog running into the road prior to the incident. Contact the Roads Policing unit at Gwaelod-y-Garth on 101, quoting occurrence 1700131315.

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# Celebrating National Pet Month and our very special loved-ones

**NATIONAL PET MONTH** runs from April 1 until May 1 and to celebrate it The GEM asked readers to send in images of their dogs and cats.

The idea behind National Pet Month is to encourage responsible ownership and support for animal charities.

We had a magnificent response – and many GEM readers were keen to point out that our beloved pets all have their own personalities and endearing traits.

There are a lot more photographs that have been sent in and we will endeavour to publish as many images as possible over the next few weeks.



*Emma's exotic cat Fudge, a chocolate Burmese.*



*Carole Powell from Llanblethian likes to take Megan her golden Labrador to the golden sands in Saundersfoot.*

## Evan chalks up his 50th win

**LLANHARAN'S** Evan David who rides out for Aberthyn's Tim Vaughan chalked up his 50th win between the flags at Essex High Easter last Saturday when scoring on Counting Stars in the Club Members Race.

He also won the Open Maiden event on Easy On Sunday who like Counting Stars is trained by Andrew Pennock.

Twenty-four hours later Evan was again in the winners' enclosure after winning on High Lucy Lou.

At Brampton Bryan Charly Prichard took the Ladies' Open Race on Ballytober while at Andoversford James

Bowen was successful on Deadly Move in the Restricted and Indian Leader in the Intermediate while Lorcan Williams who is having a great season won the Mixed Open on Tom Barton at Badley Rings.

### EASY WIN FOR JACK TUDOR

The Vale's Jack Tudor (aged 14) scored an easy win in the 148HH Pony Race at Brampton Bryan on Sunday leading throughout most of the race on his Hot Night.

Back in 1958 the Tudors from Bridgend had a pony called Hot Knight which ran at a race meeting held at Pontcanna Fields in Cardiff and which was in aid of the Empire Games Appeal Fund.

**BRIAN LEE**



*Myra Tough's happy band are Beth And Lily, both Whippets, and Tinker a Jack Russell from the Dogs Trust.*



*Karen Eades' lovely Chow Chows – both girls. The adult one is Seren age three years. The puppy is Tirion just six months.*



*Derek Marshall from Llantwit Major sent in this photograph of Skye his beautiful Gordon Setter.*



*Sue Peart's happy band are from left to right (mum) Rosie, (dad) Thor, (daughter) Louloubelle, and (son) Keepsy. Sue said: "They are Chorkies (chihuahua-Yorkshire cross) and are brilliant and all so loving."*

## The Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' plans for Barry

**THE Churches of Barry are holding their annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday, which this year falls on April 14, and it begins at The Parade Gardens at 12 noon.**

We would like to extend a welcome to the people of Barry to join us for this walk, it follows the same format as it has done in previous years; we begin at the Parade Gardens.

**First Station** – Jesus is arrested; we then walk up Ship Hill to Barry Railway Station.

**Second Station** – Jesus is judged; we continue to walk along Broad Street to AG Adams Funeral Home (where we are able to use their facilities).

**Third Station** – Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry the cross. We then continue through Holton Road to our **fourth and final Station**, which is at King Square, the Crucifixion.

There will be various readings, reflection/meditation at each station, plus a

hymn for all to join in with.

At the final station, the Salvation Army Brass Band will be there, there will also be the release of 33 red balloons.

Chairs will be available for those who need to sit at the final station. Hot Cross buns will be given out, and refreshments will be available at the Welsh Tabernacle Church.

**SUSAN BORGES**

### Students to carry cross

Organiser Father Robert Parrish, Rector of Merthyr Dyfan parish, commented that everyone was invited along to all, or part of the walk.

He explained: "We found that the first Walk of Witness re-ignited ecumenical relations in Barry. As a result of the walk 'COB' – Churches of Barry – was set up, which meets regularly, and has led to other ecumenical ventures such as the Barry Nativity Play."

He said the final station in King Square involved a dramatic reading of St Mark's

account of the crucifixion, with various people reading the parts. Thirty-three red balloons will be released, which signify Jesus' age.

Father Parrish said: "The idea behind this walk is to take church out to the people; because we are walking through the streets, people will come up to us to watch, listen and join in. It is very successful in getting the Christian message out onto the streets in a visible way."

"It creates a great atmosphere and good fellowship between Christians, as it brings people together from the majority of the churches in Barry."

The cross which will be carried through the streets was made by students at Barry College.

For more information, contact Alison Young, Diocesan Communications Officer on 01656 868865; or 07825 337437. Email: [alisonyoung@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:alisonyoung@churchinwales.org.uk)

## Knit bomb in Barry

**BARRY KNITTERS, in partnership with Care and Repair Cymru, are organising a knit bomb celebration at Barry Library from 12-4pm on Friday, April 21.**

The group have decorated a memorial tree in the library garden featuring knitted pears, leaves and colourful squares.

Natalie McCulloch, spokesperson for Barry Knitters said: "In mythology, the wild pear represents good health, happiness and a long life. We all felt that this was exactly the message that we would like our event to promote."

"We have created the Care and RePEAR tree to get this message across and to raise awareness of how Care and Repair helps older people in Wales to live healthy, happy, independent lives – by ensuring their homes are warm, safe and suitably adapted."

Melanie Weeks at Barry library is delighted to be hosting the event. She said: "We really like the idea of brightening up the memorial tree with some knitting. The event is aimed at young and old because good health, happiness and long life are important to everyone."

"Our staff are joining by telling stories that feature the pear tree and asking people who come along to make a paper flower with a wish for the future and plant it in the back garden."

The organisers are inviting the public to join them under the Care and RePEAR tree, to take part in some knitting or to share some tea and home-baked cake.

Activities will also include storytelling, a treasure hunt, making a

'wish for the future' and planting it on a flower in the garden, Haiku workshops, a chance to meet some sheep, see a spinning wheel in action and a performance by Porthkerry Community Choir at 2pm.

For more information, visit [www.careandrepair.org.uk](http://www.careandrepair.org.uk) or contact Care and Repair Cymru fundraising officer, Sheleagh Llewellyn at [Sheleagh.Llewellyn@careandrepair.org.uk](mailto:Sheleagh.Llewellyn@careandrepair.org.uk); 02920674830.

## New book uncovers Secret Barry Island

**READERS can explore Barry Island's secret history through a fascinating selection of stories, facts and photographs in a new book, Secret Barry Island.**

It offers a unique insight into this fascinating seaside resort in the Vale of Glamorgan, delving into its lesser-known past.

Thoroughly researched, within these pages local authors and lifelong residents of the area Mark and Jonathan Lambert explore Barry Island's vast history.

They cover a wide range of topics – from prehistory to pilgrimage, smugglers, and the

advent of tourism – taking the reader beneath the surface to uncover the hidden secrets of this popular location.

Mark, along with his twin brother and co-author Jonathan, is an archaeology graduate of Cardiff University and lifelong resident of Barry Island. Both have a keen interest and extensive knowledge of the Island's history, and have worked on many archaeological sites in Glamorgan and beyond.

This is the latest volume in Amberley's bestselling 'Secret' series. Contact Philip James Dean at Amberley Publishing, on 01453 847823, or email [p.dean@amberley-books.com](mailto:p.dean@amberley-books.com) for further details.

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# ON THE ROAD AGAIN! TRACTOR BOYS OF ABERTHIN RUN FOR ED EVANS' CAUSE

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*THE Tractor Boys of Aberthin are well known for their charitable runs through the Vale of Glamorgan.*

*In the latest one, last weekend, they were supporting the Ed Evans Foundation, which is marking its 10th anniversary with a walk on Easter Monday, meeting at the Plough and Harrow, Monknash (registration 9am).*



## From Abu Dhabi to Penarth A £2,000 CHEQUE FOR MARIE CURIE HOSPICE



*Pictured are: Suzanne Rhydderch, Peter Rhydderch, former president of St David's Society, Clare Wright, Marie Curie community fundraiser, and the current president of St David's Society, and Jeff Jones with his wife, Tina Jones.*

**A FUNDRAISING group based in Abu Dhabi, has donated £2,000 to Marie Curie – after holding a 25th anniversary St David's Day Ball.**

The St David's Society of Abu Dhabi, who are regular supporters of the charity, presented a cheque for £2,000 to the Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth, which provides round-the-clock expert care and support to people living with a terminal illness and supports their families.

The society has 169 active members in Abu Dhabi, made up of 15 different nationalities. There are further members who have retired over the past 25 years and returned home to Wales, or to other countries, taking the total to around 260.

The group meets once a month for social events and fundraising. In the summer, they hold a 'Halfway to

Christmas' ball, when they half-decorate and half-dress up in "Christmassy stuff", as well as barbecues and pool parties.

This year, the society has received a letter from Prince Charles via Clarence House thanking them for the £1.3 million they have raised for Welsh charities over the last 25 years, including for Marie Curie.

Some members have had personal experience of Marie Curie, due to family members needing care, and during their visit to donate the funds, had a tour of the hospice.

New president, Jeff Jones thanked staff for the tour of the hospice: "It's interesting to see where the money we have raised is being spent and to appreciate all the hard work which goes on at the hospice and across the nursing and helper services," he said.

"I look forward to reporting back what I have seen today to all our members via our newsletter and at our next events."



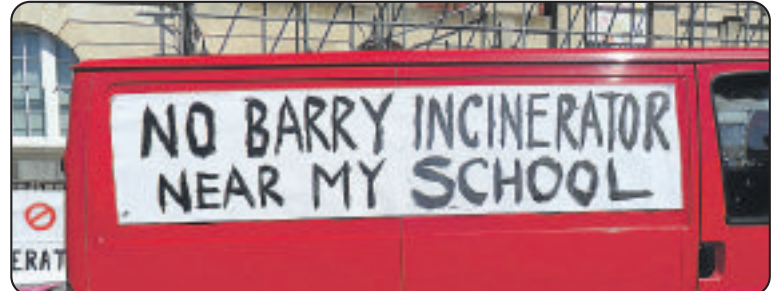


# CAMPAIGNERS IN BARRY ISSUE MESSAGE: 'WE DON'T WANT INCINERATOR IN TOWN'

ON Saturday, April 8, people gathered in King Square Barry to listen to speeches opposed to the Biomass UK No 2 plant under construction at the docks.

But before the speeches, people queued to sign a petition opposing the plant.

Later, hundreds of people marched down Holton Road to the Vale Council Civic Offices with dozens of banners. Some of the messages read: 'Don't incinerate our future', 'Protect our Playgrounds' and 'Stop the Barry Incinerator'.





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# HAPPINESS DAY AT OAK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL!



CLASS Beech enjoyed a coffee, biscuits and fun. The 'Happiness Day' on April 4, as children took part in pampering projects, when they learned their friends and families. It was a lovely way to engage the community in the children's daily about feelings and emotions. Mums, dads, aunts, friends and learning and their school carers, all joined in for a morning of experiences. ND

## The driving force behind Cowbridge festival is honoured

THE driving force behind the Cowbridge music festival has been honoured for her "relentless and selfless service to community music".

Mary Elliott Rose has been recognised for her work as Artistic Director of the festival, in an annual awards ceremony at Cardiff University.

She received the Leonard and Marion Jones Award for her "relentless and selfless service to community music through her work connected with the festival".

The presentation was made by Professor Amanda Coffey, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Student Experience and Academic Standards.

Mary said "It was a great honour to receive the award and I want to thank all those who have also worked hard to make such a success of the festival since it started in 2010."

"It would not have been possible without the joint efforts of all our trustees, volunteers, sponsors as well as the members of the Friends Association and our



wonderfully enthusiastic audiences. "Here's to the 2017 festival!"

The programme for this year's festival has just been announced.

It starts on September 8 with the world-famous King's Singers and runs until September 23 with a variety of work-class classical, jazz and folk music.

More details are on the festival website [cowbridgemusicfestival.co.uk](http://cowbridgemusicfestival.co.uk).

## Volunteers clean-up Penarth railway path

AN environmentally friendly group of volunteers held their second Big Clean Up event along Penarth's popular railway path on March 25.

Around 30 volunteers of all ages turned out alongside staff from the Vale of Glamorgan parks department on a beautiful sunny spring morning. They arrived en-masse with the council's chipping machine and chipped and removed a large quantity of garden waste and rubble.

The group hopes to reintroduce native hedgerow saplings to the cleared areas in the

autumn. Anyone wishing to join in with this activity will be very welcome. Information can be found on Facebook: Railway Path Project Penarth.

Local school Ysgol Y Deri are currently busy making bird boxes for the path. These should be in place in good time for nesting next spring.

The council was said to have been "very supportive" of the event, and the group have pledged to work with them to help keep the path in as good an order as reasonably practical. "A special mention also to Anthony at Tesco Express, Penarth who provided the group with snacks and drinks".

## There's alabaster in them thar cliffs!



Alabaster boulders on Penarth Head.



Penmark memorial.

THOSE who have walked the beach between Penarth Head and Lavernock will be familiar with the outcrops of pink and white stone that occur in the cliffs.

At Penarth Head, the beach is littered with boulders of this material called alabaster.

In the past, it was used not only to make plaster and build garden rockeries, but also as an indoor decorative and sculptural stone.

The earliest reference so far found for the exploitation of this material is related in the travel journal of Sir William Brereton dated July 25, 1635, where he states: 'From Sillie [Sully] to the Holmes about two leagues; to the north of these Pennart Point, where alabaster is digged'.

That there was a well-established trade in this material is beyond question. An article in The Cardiff Times of 1880 quotes from the Cardiff Council Proceedings of 1762 that goods were not to be left on the quayside for more than 24 hours on pain of a penalty of one shilling. The list of goods which were not to be left included alabaster.

Several churches in the Vale of Glamorgan contain 17th century wall monuments made of Penarth alabaster eg, in Penmark Church.

Although use as a sculptural medium seems to have declined by the end of the 17th century, use for plaster manufacture no doubt continued.

Architect John Prichard was the first to use Penarth alabaster in the 19th century eg in the reredos in Cowbridge church.

A revival in its use followed, not only for church furnishings, eg the font in All Saints' church Porthcawl and

memorials - the memorial to William Edmondes in St Mary's church Nolton - but also it was incorporated into several structures both ecclesiastical, eg St Catharine's church in Baglan and secular - Insole Court in Cardiff.

Several other architects used this material, including John Coates Carter, who lived in Penarth and designed some of the town's notable buildings. He used rough-cut sea washed boulders of Penarth alabaster from Penarth Head to build an altar in St David's church on Caldey Island near Tenby in the 1920s.

However, the most spectacular use of Penarth alabaster is without doubt in the entrance hall of a house in Mayfair built by Lord Windsor, which is now the residence of the Brazilian Ambassador.

A photograph of this forms the front cover of a new book entitled 'Penarth Alabaster' published by the Welsh Stone Forum. It is the culmination of five years of research on the subject by Michael Statham, the forum's field secretary.

In all, at the time of printing there were 57 known extant examples of Penarth alabaster, most of which are illustrated with colour photographs. The majority are in south Wales, but there are examples in Hereford, London, Worcestershire and Shropshire. There once was an example in Germany but this did not survive World War Two.

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## 'We need the politicians who will listen'

THE Labour Vale Leader, Coun Neil Moore seems to be the only person in Barry, apart from its builders, that supports the construction of the new 'energy plant'.

It seems that he is also the only person in Barry who calls it that, and not 'The Incinerator'.

I'm an aircraft engineer by profession and not a chemical engineer, so I'm not qualified to say what is or is not emitted from the incinerator's chimney.

However, as it has a chimney, it stands to reason that something is going to be emitted; and that's what worries residents.

Living as I do in Cadoc ward, in the highest area of pollution fallout from Dow Corning, according to the air quality map that I saw on a visit there a few years ago, I know how the people in that area must be feeling about potential health and house price concerns. Surely these concerns should be addressed?

However, the point that I wish to make is not about the incinerator,

it is about safe seats and tribal voting.

I firmly believe that safe seats, caused by generations of people voting for the same political colour, has led to politicians who have a sense of entitlement and believe that it is their right to rule over us. Elections are just a five-yearly inconvenience to them.

I'm not for one minute suggesting that Coun Moore falls into this category, but I'm sure we can all name some who do.

During the years I was championing Barry's heritage, I certainly had run-ins with some.

Simply voting for the same political colour regardless of what they are saying, will bring about the same result, and the same cry of despair that 'the council never listen'.

With the May elections rapidly approaching, voters across Barry and the rest of the Vale need to ask themselves whether they want another five years of same old, same old - or whether they want local leaders who listen and have fresh ideas. We'll see on May 5.

Ade Pitman, Independent candidate, Cadoc ward

## BARRY ISLAND BEACH HUTS READY TO RENT

A LIMITED number of large and small Barry Island beach huts have become available for annual rent from Monday, April 10 until the end of March 2018.

Due to the anticipated high demand for the huts, interested parties are asked to register their details on the Vale Council website or by telephoning 01446 700111. People have until 10am on Monday, April 10 to do so.

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**Southesk Place, Barry - £209,950**

- Three bedroom semi-detached property set in a cul de sac location
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- Three bedroom semi-detached property set on a generous corner plot • Driveway providing ample off road parking and close to local amenities • Situated in the desirable Penarth with easy access to Cosmeston Lakes and Penarth Promenade



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- Four bedroom detached residence providing generous accommodation
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**Romilly Park Road, Barry- £325,000**

- Extended, three bedroom semi-detached residence benefiting from a loft room
- Enclosed gardens to front and rear with driveway and garage
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**Y Cerigos, Barry- £328,000**

- Well presented, three double bedroom ground floor apartment with stunning views across the Knap, Bristol Channel and Somerset coastline • Decked balcony and two allocated parking spaces
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- Four bedroom bay fronted residence, situated in the heart of Barry
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**Bell Street- £137,500**

- Recently refurbished three bedroom mid terrace property
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**Port Road East, Barry- £339,950**

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**Waters Edge, Barry- £129,950**

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**Hunter Street, Barry- £85,000**

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**St Osyth Court, Barry- £156,950**

- Third floor two bedroom apartment enjoying panoramic views
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- Well maintained communal gardens. NO CHAIN



**Collard Crescent, Barry- £239,950**

- Three bedroom detached bungalow offering family accommodation and a large basement • Driveway leading to garage with inspection pit • Viewing recommended to appreciate size and potential of property. NO CHAIN



**Jewel Street, Barry- £179,950**

- Beautifully presented and maintained three bedroom family residence
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**Porthkerry Road, Rhose - £269,950**

- 2 bedroom detached bungalow
- Set on a generous plot • Entrance porch • Hallway • Lounge • Kitchen • Bathroom • Separate w/c



**St Osyth Court, Barry- £169,950**

- Recently refurbished two bedroom detached bungalow
- In walking distance of Romilly Park, the Knap, cafes and beaches
- Situated in the popular West End of Barry, close to high street shops and train station



**Cliffwood View, Barry- £274,500**

- Four bedroom semi-detached property situated in the sought after West end of Barry
- Driveway providing off road parking, leading to garage with gardens to front and rear • In walking distance of Porthkerry Country Park, the Knap gardens and lake, beaches and cafes

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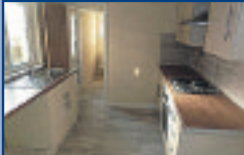
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Funeral service on Thursday, 20th April 2017 at 1.30pm in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, followed by committal in Barry Crematorium at 3pm. Please wear bright colours. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu may be sent to the funeral home for Spinal Injury Research.

All enquiries to W.A. Brown & Son, Pembroke House, College Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SG, telephone 01446 792489.

### JONES David "Fuzz"

Peacefully on April 7th at Marie Curie Hospice following a short illness and with his adored family at his bedside. Fuzz, well known from Colcot and Gibbonsdown, Barry. Devoted husband to Jean, much loved dad of Sallyann, Michael, Sion and the late Christopher (Hedgehog). A cherished grampy, grampo and bampi to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

*Fuzz will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of his life at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Thursday, 20th April at 1.30pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Dave's online tribute page at [www.valefuneralservice.co.uk](http://www.valefuneralservice.co.uk) where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages. All donations received to support Marie Curie Hospice - the family request that colourful clothing be worn and if possible something associated with Welsh rugby. Further enquiries from Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

### WATKINS Decima Irene (née Haughton)

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Decima, aged 79, who passed away peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 28th March. Beloved wife of Peter, much loved mother to Dean, David, Dale, Julian and Johnny. Adored grandmother of 14 grandchildren, will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at Adams Funeralcare on Gladstone Road until the funeral on Wednesday 19th April at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry. The service will begin at 10am in the Cemetery Chapel.

### LOCKWOOD Marion (Maz)

Peacefully on March 30, after a long illness, Maz aged 62 years of St Athan. Much loved partner of Niall. A dearly loved mother, who will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

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### CURRIE Kenneth Clive

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### BRYANT Vernon

Suddenly but peacefully on April 6th at the University Hospital of Wales - Vernon, a well known keen bowler of Cadroxton Bowls Club and a committed Mason at Barry Masonic Lodge (Breaksea). Devoted husband to Pam, loving dad of Jan and Gary. An adored bampy of Lewis, Holly and Harvey.

*He will be dearly missed by all his family and many friends.*

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I lost my wrist watch in the Cowbridge area on Thursday 6th April. The watch is of no monetary value, however it is of great sentimental value to me, as it was a gift from my late son. If a GEM reader has found it, I would be thrilled to get it back.

My contact number is 01446 750524

### FOUND

Purse on Rhosce Point coastal path on 7 April. Call with details 07922 092063

## Public Notices

### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEDICATION AGREEMENT HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 21, ST ATHAN) PUBLIC PATH CREATION & DEDICATION AGREEMENT 2017

1. The above named Agreement completed on 27 February 2017 has the effect of creating a public footpath by agreement with the landowner.
2. The effect of the Agreement is to create a public footpath following a section of coastline between Limpet Bay and Summerhouse Point.  
Public Footpath 21, St Athan commences from the parish boundary at its junction with Public Footpath No 6 Gleision following a section of the coastline to terminate at its junction with Public Footpath No 98 Llantwit Major.
3. A copy of the Agreement may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry CF63 4RT from 9.00am to 4.00pm on any weekday. Copies of the Agreement may be bought there at £4.50.
4. The Agreement comes into operation with immediate effect.

Dated 13 April 2017

Head of Regeneration and Planning, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry CF63 4RT

### BRO MORGANNWG HYSBYSIAD O GREU LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS A CHYTUNDEB NEILLTUO DEDDO PRIFYFRODD 1980 GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 21 SAIN TATHAN) HYSBYSIAD O GREU LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS A CHYTUNDEB NEILLTUO 2017

1. Bydd y Cytundeb a enwir uchod a gwtibwyd ar 27 Chwefror 2017 yn creu llwybr cyhoeddus trwy gyndeb a phestrnag y str.
2. Bydd y Cytundeb yn creu llwybr cyhoeddus ar hyd rhan o'r arfordir rhwng Limpet Bay a Summerhouse Point.  
Mas Llwybr Cyhoeddus 21, Sain Tathan, yn dechrau a ffin y phwyll wrth y gyffordd a Llwybr Cyhoeddus Rhif 6 Gleision yn dilyn rhan o'r arfordir i derfynu ar ffin y phwyll wrth y gyffordd a Llwybr Cyhoeddus Rhif 98 Llantwit Fawr.
3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Cytundeb am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Ddodau, Heol yr Ifferfordd, Y Barri, CF63 4RT o 9.00am i 4.00pm ar unrhyw ddiwrnod yn ystod yr wythnos. Gellir prynu copiau o'r Cytundeb yno am £4.50.
4. Mas'r Cytundeb yn dod i rym ar unwaith.

Dyddiedig 13 Ebrill 2017

Pennaeth Adfywio a Chynllunio, Swyddfa'r Ddodau, Heol yr Ifferfordd, Y Barri CF63 4RT

## GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (LLWYBR TROED RHIF 2 PEN-MARC) (CAU DROS DRO) 2017

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, yn bwriadu, o fewn ddm llai na saith diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod: -

### ATODLEN 1

Ni chaiff unrhyw gerdded yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

### ATODLEN 2

- Lleoliad** Llwybr troed (Hawl Dramwy Gyhoeddus) a elwir yn Ben-marc Rhif 2 rhwng grid 306021 165779 a thua'r gorllewin i grid 305112 165911
- Llwybr** Yn ystod y cyfnod y bydd ar gau, bydd ffordd arall ar gael ar hyd y llwybr troed a elwir yn Ben-marc rhif 1 o grid 306021 165779 tua'r gorllewin i Station Road, ac yna troi i'r chwith i Stewart Road, yna i'r chwith i Fontygary Road, ac ar hyd yr heol hon i'r ffordd tynediad i Barc Carafanau Bae Fontygary, ac yna ymlaen ar hyd y llwybr troed a elwir yn Ben-marc Rhif 3, i ben gorllewinol y ffordd sydd ar gau yng ngrid 305112 165911, a'r gwrthwyneb.
- Rheswm** Atal niwed i gerddwyr yn sgil creigiau'n disgyn o ymyl y clogwyn
- Hyd** O 00.01 ar 20 Ebrill 2017 am gyfnod hyd at chwe mis
- Dyddiedig 13 Ebrill 2017.**

M. E. Punter,  
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai  
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,  
Yr Alpau, Gwent, CF5 6AA.



## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PENMARK PUBLIC FOOTPATH No 2) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2017

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall proceed on foot in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

### SCHEDULE 2

- Location** Footpath (Public Rights of Way) known as Penmark Number 2 between grid 306021 165779 and continuing in a westerly direction to grid 305112 165911
- Alt Route** During this closure a diversion a diversion for westbound pedestrians shall be available via footpath known as Penmark No 1 from grid 306021 165779 in a northerly direction to Station Road, then turning left into Stewart Road, then turning left into Fontygary Road, and continuing along this road to the access road into Fontygary Bay Caravan Park, then continuing along footpath known as Penmark No 3, to the western end of the closure at grid 305112 165911, and vice-versa.
- Reason** To prevent danger to pedestrians as a result of cliff edge rock falls
- Duration** From 00.01 on 20th April 2017 for a maximum period of 6 months

Dated this 13th day of April 2017.

M. E. Punter,  
Director of Environment & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.



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## Public Notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

We, Nadeem Amin & Farzana Nadeem, do hereby give notice that I have applied to the Licensing Authority (Vale of Glamorgan Council) for the variation of a premises licence at 7 Broad Street, Barry, CF62 7AA, known as Athena takeaway.

The application is to vary the licence: (Alteration to allow late night opening on Friday and Saturday from 02:00am to 03:30am and Sunday to 01:00am)

Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to: The Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, or by email to licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. Representations received after this date will not be considered.

A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make false statements in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.

Signed: Nadeem Amin and Farzana Nadeem  
Date: 6th April 2017

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 10 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Proposed development at 24 Aneurin Bevan Way, Garth, Maesteg, CF34 0SX.

Take notice that application is being made by: Mr Luke Davies

For planning permission to: Proposed inclusion of land into domestic curtilage.

Local Planning Authority to whom the application is being submitted: Bridgend County Borough Council.

Local Planning Authority address: Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB. Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Signatory: Mr Luke Davies

Signature: L. Davies  
Date: 7/4/17

# BARRY AND DISTRICT LADIES SKITTLE LEAGUE

THE latest results from the Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for week commencing March 27 are as follows:

First division: Colcot Ladies (H Edwards 28) 259, SV Gals (S Wride 28) 265; Allsorts (C Newell 30) 234, Pila Palas (S Bennett 29) 276; Cigar Ladies (L Webb 33) 283; Family and Friends (J Phillips, L Sheppard 30) 286; Bobby's Girls (J Barnett 26) 233, Baker's Dozen (C Braggins 28) 262; Family Affair (Sue Wilson 26) 255, Red Admiral (Sue Clements 30) 225; Space Finders (E Worthing 33) 343, Special Angels (L Mountford 35) 295; Copper (J Hartnell 34) 306, Barry Stars (M Richards 35) 330.

Second division: Airways Angels (M Carpenter, A Crook 27) 247, Castle Bandits (M Stevens, C Kerslake 25) 209; Merry Makers (M Payne 24) 189, Roller Coasters (G Giles 25) 239; SV Lights (M Seixas, A Bird 28) 238, Cad Con Fillies (J Gee 31) 282; Castaways (K Billings 29) 262, After Eight's (Carmichael 29) 190; Fallen Angels (C

Phillips 31) 2565, Breakaways (J Dawkins 27) 264; Clickies (E Walters 35) 311, Witchill Weebies (J Byrne 35) 312; Rhosce Starlights (L Field 28) 239, Witchill Widows (M Kinney 26) 224.

Third division: SV Ladies (K Lacy 33) 317, Little Devils (S Harrihy 34) 308; Twilights (C Thomas 27) 235, Vixens (S Curmick 24) 183; Etcetera (J Barratt 25) 224; Rebels (P Phillips 24) 221; Dolly Mixures (E Bryan 25) 230, Rugby Tiers (S Watts 22) 201; Witches (V Walters, L Carey 25) 239; Hill Billies (G Moorcraft 28) 254; La Belles (J Cordy 35) 326, Westenders (L Weston 33) 285; Uptown Girls (L Hobbs 24) 219, Challengers (B Binding 28) 228.

Fourth division: Socialites (P Todd 28) 270, Nite Outers (L Newman 28) 193; Hell Raisers (M Davies 26) 249, Off The Rails (P Knapman 26) 246; Witchill Wanderers (C Morrissey 31) 159, Persuaders (K Kemp, G Organ 31) 301; Liberals (R Keene 25) 250, Living On A Spare (E McGloagan 25) 245; Boozy Birds (L Weaver 33) 309, Aristocats (T Weston 30) 216.

## Sully start new season with a win

SULLY Centurions Cricket Club started their 2017 season with a friendly at Panteg CC. Some new and old faces were included in the side, which finished on top, winning by three wickets.

The home side batted first and were soon in trouble as Tary Dhanjal removed both openers by the time the score had reached 10.

Josh Bryan got in on the act with the wicket of Jenkins for 8 before Tary rounded off his spell by trapping Farrant lbw for 8 also, to leave Panteg on 30 for 4 in the eighth over.

Panteg then rallied, thanks to a half century stand between Clarke, who top scored with 54, and Westward (18).

Clarke's innings came to an end when he was bowled by Dave Goodway and then new skipper Jake Griffith had Westward lbw with the score on 116 for 6.

There was some stubborn resistance from Edwards (30) but when he was bowled by new boy Harish, the end was in sight.

Santosh Singh took two wickets and Jason Hicks had one, as the last three batsmen all fell for

0 and the Panteg innings closed on 148 all out. Best bowling figures were returned by Tary (3/12) and Santosh (2/11).

After tea, Craig Brock and Russell Thomas took the score along to 39 when Russell was lbw to Joshi for 13.

Craig was joined by Rhett Jones and they had put on 48 by the time Rhett was caught, again off the bowling of Joshi, for 45. Craig Brock reached 39 when he was caught by Salkeld off Clarke's bowling with the score on 115 for 4.

Then a middle order wobble saw three wickets fall for only 6 runs before Gethin Hicks and Jake Griffith saw Centurions safely home - both ending on 18 not out.

Panteg 148 all out, Sully Centurions 152/7. This weekend there are two more friendly matches, both at home.

Saturday's match is against Aberdare, with a 2pm start. On Sunday Centurions entertain neighbours Barry Wanderers, starting at 1.15pm.

All players are asked to contact either Dave Sylvester or Jake Griffith with their availability.

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**PICTURED (left to right, standing): Ashley Harkus, Keith Silvey, Tom Linney, Keith Buckler (captain), Jim Bonham, Robin Ryles, Stuart Linney, Dave Phillips, James Birch, Jerry Snook, Lee Davies. Kneeling: Ross Williams, Scott Larsen and Lee Russell.**

## Penarth's hockey youngsters qualify for finals weekend

**ONE week on from their under-11 counterparts securing qualification for the south Wales finals weekend, Penarth Hockey Club's under-13s achieved the same feat to keep the season's success flowing.**

With several players missing due to school trips, Penarth's A team had only eight players available for the trip to Swansea, and faced a tough opening match against an Abergavenny side that featured a very effective striker.

However, with defenders Gabriel Pryde and Aaron Noor-Mohamed dealing comfortably with the threat, and goalkeeper Kavan Kalsi-Lucas making a very important save when it mattered, Penarth held the upper hand throughout, but couldn't take advantage of their pressure to break the stalemate, with the game eventually ending in a 0-0 draw.

It was a similar story in the team's second game, against Llanishen & Caerphilly, with Penarth dominating but taking some time to break the deadlock.

The Llanishen & Caerphilly goalkeeper made some outstanding saves to keep his side in the game, but Penarth would not be denied for a second match, and the breakthrough goal eventually came after an excellent run down the right wing from Ross John.

Buoyed by the victory, the Penarth boys faced a very different prospect in their third game, coming up against a strong Gwent side, who not only took an early lead, but then consolidated their advantage with a second goal.

Penarth, however, never gave up and, with some outstanding attacking play from Lewis Ingram, Max Poddar and Zayn Zamen, managed to get back into the game and eventually pull back the deficit to claim a creditable 2-2 draw.

With a couple of goals under their belt, the Vale side were in good heart when they took on Bridgend in their fourth game of the day, and the attacking prowess of Poddar, John, Ingra, Pryde and Zamen contributed to a comfortable 3-0 victory that set the boys up for a typically tight encounter with old rivals Whitechurch.

With their opponents denying them space and time on the ball, Penarth had to work hard for any result, with Owen Kestle

and Noor-Mohamed working tirelessly in defence and some good goalkeeping keeping them in the game.

As a result, it was a relief when the final whistle came, even if the goalless scoreline meaning a third tied game for the Cubs.

Their unbeaten record through five games was sufficient, however, for Penarth to know that they had done enough to qualify for the Finals weekend, which was just as well as their sixth and last game pitted the exhausted squad against the hosts and strongest team in the competition.

As a result of their earlier exertions, Penarth could not react to the skill and pace of the Swansea team, and went down to their first defeat of the day by four goals to one. However, that single strike was enough to confirm them as the only team to score against the side who went on to claim overall honours.

Penarth, for their part, finished fourth in the final standings, which was enough to qualify for the south Wales finals and join their under-11 counterparts back in Swansea on April 22.

As they had in the younger age group, Penarth also fielded a B team in the Plate

competition and, despite an abrupt start to their competition, which left them with no time to warm-up, they opened with a very creditable 1-1 draw with Gwent.

That result was due in no small part to some excellent defensive play from Deiniol Lowe, Will Hammacott and Jacob Allen but game two was a different matter, with Gabriel Lilford, Lewis Latmyer, Oscar Warne and Owen Kestle dominating the match and creating many attacking opportunities as Penarth ran out 1-0 winners against Whitechurch C.

The defence returned to the fore in game three, with Radr - who were originally entered for the A team competition - providing strong opposition.

Despite creating a multitude of scoring opportunities, however, the Cardiff side were denied by some outstanding goalkeeping from Jamie Lawrence and, for all their pressure, only managed to decide the encounter with a single goal.

Instead of kicking on from that performance, however, Penarth defended less well next time out, conceding three goals to go down to Whitechurch's B team, but turned their fortunes around in the final game

of the day, benefiting from a looped shot from Warne to win and end their competition on a high after securing a very creditable third place overall.

The proposed veterans fixture with Gwent was a last minute casualty, delaying the start of the Grizzlies' summer season by a week, with the same opposition due at Stanwell for the 'return' game this Saturday (12.15pm start).

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability.

When the regular season resumes, training will take place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact club secretary Dave Stevens (d.stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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## First time win for the Hairy Lemons

**BARRY'S popular skittles team the Hairy Lemons have won their first ever trophy, beating their nearest rivals by a staggering 40 pins.**

The team, who play out of the King William pub, travelled to Newquay in Cornwall for the weekend competition that attracted 12 teams from Devon, Somerset, Bristol and Gloucestershire. In a magnificent display, the Hairy Lemons left their nearest rivals, Brahm and Liszt from Yate standing as they notched up a final score of 432.

In addition, team member Lee Russell scored 62 points, winning

the trophy for the highest scoring man.

Team captain Keith Buckler said they knew they were ahead by 27 pints after the first two rolls, but even he was shocked when he realised they had won by such a large margin. Keith himself managed to notch up a very respectable 55.

"We've been entering these competitions for 16 years and this is our first win," he said.

"We got through to the final and then at the right moment, everyone played their best game. It was a fantastic moment. We're still recovering!"

The team, who compete in the Barry and District League

Division 1, formed 16 years ago. The original members took their name from a pub they visited in Dublin called the Hairy Lemon.

"The name has stuck," said Keith. "It's very much a team of friends, friends of friends, and family. It's great winning, but we are much more about having fun with our skittles."

The competition is organised by Serious About Events of Torquay who stage a series of around 20 skittles weekend tournaments every year. They also run the British Skittles Championships which begin in the spring with local rounds and culminate in a grand final in Torquay in September.

## The Barry and District League tables and results

### CRIB DIVISION 1:

Rhoose Social 12, Penarth Cons B 2, Wyndham Cons 3, Cadoxton Cons B 3, Moors Boys 10, West End 5, Liberals 11, West End Runaways 4.

League table: Rhoose Social 171, Liberals 171, Moors Boys 156, Wyndham Cons 155, West End 146, West End Runaways 145, Cadoxton Cons 136.

### SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Sea View B 4, Barries Boys 3, King William XII 6, Liberals A 1, Allsorts 1, Cambrian Flyers 6, Slammers 2, Rugby Club 5, Liberals C 4, Rhoose Social B 3, Rhoosters 2, West End C 5, Rhoose Social C 2, West End D 5.

League table: West End C 101, West End D 94, Sea View B 90, King William XII 85.5, Allsorts 82, Rhoosters 77, Rugby Club 75.5, Barries Boys 73, Rhoose Social C 72.5, Rhoose Social B 72.5, Slammers 71.5, Liberals C 66.5, Rhoose Social A 60, Cambrian Flyers 57, Liberals A 49.

### SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Savoy A 4, Rhoose Social C 1, Penarth Cons A 1, Harbour B 4, Rhoose Social B 1,

Wyndham Cons A 4, Penarth Cons B 2, Cadoxton Cons B 3, West End C 4, Services Social B 1.

League table: Harbour B 94, Savoy A 92, Cadoxton Cons Z 69, Wyndham Cons A 61, Cadoxton Cons B 58, West End C 57, Penarth Cons A 49, Rhoose Social B 49, Penarth Cons B 39, Services Social B 36, Rhoose Social C 36.

### SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Wyndham Cons C 3, Sully Sports A 2, Cadoxton Cons A 1, Market Street B 4,

West End B 3, Savoy B 2, Market Street C 3, West End A 2, Wyndham Cons D 1, Liberals 4, Rhoosters 74, Savoy B 74, Market Street B 69, Wyndham Cons C 68, Harbour A 62, Cadoxton Cons A 62, Market Street C 57, West End B 50, Wyndham Cons D 44, West End A 43, Sully Sports A 42 (= points deducted).

All league and cup fixtures and results at [www.barryleagues.co.uk](http://www.barryleagues.co.uk) and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

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## New green opens at bowls club

**THIS Easter, a number of world and Commonwealth bowlers will grace the superb green at Barry Athletic's 4Wood green.**

On Saturday, April 15, Ellen Falkner, triple world indoor champion and multi-medallist at Commonwealth Games, will be joined by the husband and wife stars Jamie and Natalie Chestney, also multiple winners of Commonwealth and World Gold medals.

Ellen, Jamie and Natalie will be joining with the members at Barry Athletic Bowls Club to celebrate the opening of the 4Wood green on Barry Island; the opening ceremony this year will be undertaken by the Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns MP, who will have the honour of casting the first bowl of the season.

Also attending the event as a special guest of the club will be Barry's own boxing star Lee Selby - Lee will be taking time out from his preparations for his next

fight to make a special appearance at our opening event to support the club and to extend his best wishes for a successful season.

The official green opening ceremony will take place at 4pm, which will be followed by refreshments and a buffet in the pavilion.

However, the day will start at about 1.30pm, when Ellen and her team of Aero bowlers will be demonstrating their skills on the green and will be available for help and advice about choosing the right bowls for your game - this session is open to members and non-members so if you have ever been interested in exploring what the game of bowls is all about, this will be great opportunity to start the journey in the company of some of the world's best bowlers.

This promises to be an exciting day and everyone is welcome to join us.

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## SULLY INDOOR BOWLERS TAKE THE TROPHY!

**SULLY Indoor Bowls Club have had a poor season by previous years standards as many of the top players automatically selected for the stadium team chose not to play, creating a shortage of experienced and good bowlers.**

Thankfully other club members came forward enabling the games to be played and gaining experience needed to compete at the necessary level but the team were not strong enough to compete.

Fortunately the stadium team were able to fulfil all fixtures and hopefully maintain their existing status for next season. The main issue with the stadium team is a lack of younger players and this will remain a problem until the club are able to attract younger players.

The senior side (over-60s) have shown tremendous consistency over the years finishing at the top of their league on numerous occasions, only failing to win the Welsh Championship Shield after qualifying for quarter and semi-finals over this period.

This year though the over-60s side proved they were capable of taking on and competing with the best senior teams in Wales by qualifying for the final against Selwyn from Llanelli to be played at Cynon Valley.

The Sully players were in confident mood but apprehensive as they have been defeated by Selwyn in previous

years. Sully got off to good start leading by six shots after five ends with only Dave Curtis' rink behind by three shots.

At the end of the 10th Sully were playing confident bowls and had moved to a fifteen shot lead, 38-23, with the rink of Brian Foscolo, G Cogbill, Mike Doyle and Steve Close leading the way with a seven shot advantage and Curtis' rink of Andrew Harvey, Mel Newman, Peter Hocking coming from behind to take a two shot lead.

As the game progressed towards the 15th end Sully were playing excellently across all rinks with Foscolo's and Curtis' rinks taking command of their opponents and Brian Griffiths' rink of Alan Bryan, Phil Gershenson and Fred Phillips also in brilliant form.

It was captain McLeod's rink left, having a good battle with their opponents but leading by three.

With the overall score standing at 69-40 the game was now Sully's to lose, but this was their day and they maintained their form to the last ends.

All Sully rinks won with McLeod's rink of Gerry White, Chas Burton and Rod Hudson staving off the strong Selwyn four to win by four shots to guarantee a comfortable 31 shot victory for Sully, 95-64.

Congratulations to all the squad on their performances throughout an unbeaten season - well done Sully!

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# The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

**ON a glorious weekend there was more red hot action in the Vale of Glamorgan football league.**

It was the first final of the season as Division Two's historic Dockers Cup took centre stage on the Sunday.

Barry Saints downed Division Two leaders Cadoxton Imps 5-2 to claim the cup at Jenner Park.

Whether the cup win can inspire Barry Saints to displace Imps and claim a league and cup double remains to be seen. A tremendous achievement by all at Barry Saints.

Rewind 24 hours and it was an afternoon of fine football in league action.

Vale United appear to be hurtling toward their first Premier Division crown as they followed up a midweek 5-0 victory over Island Marine with a 4-0 home win over Tyneddydd.

Rhoose matched the result with a 4-0 win over Masons Moving Group to stay level on points with United, however, Vale have five games in hand.

Cowbridge Town's title aspirations took a blow as they went down 2-1 to a resurgent Barry Athletic. Athletic followed on from their impress and shock 6-2 midweek win against St Athan.

Penarth Town got their first league win in five with a massive 5-1 triumph

against Island Marine.

In Division One Barry Athletic B's title celebrations were put on ice until their last game of the season as they were defeated 1-0 by Cardiff Airport B.

Athletic B need a win in their final fixture against Cadoxton Barry in two weeks unless second place Barry Belgrade slip up in the meantime.

Belgrade kept up the pressure with a huge 7-1 victory over Cadoxton Athletic. Dockers dominated Cadoxton Barry 4-0 and Cogan dispatched bottom side Glenbrook 3-1.

Sully Sports finished up their league fixtures with a big 4-3 win over Pumas; Sully move third in the league, however the teams below do have games in hand.

In Division Two, BV made it two wins on the bounce with a 4-0 win over Barry Albion to stay fourth, Island Marine B kept up the pressure on BV with a 4-2 victory over bottom side Pumas B. Rhoose B made it one defeat in seven with a 3-0 win against St Athan B.

Finally, in the SWFA Intermediate Cup semi finals. St Athan were edged out by SWFA Alliance league side Penydaren 3-2.

St Athan came back from two goals down but were downed by a last minute winner by their opposition who play three leagues above.

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## Grace shines for Wales under-15s

**BARRY Town United player Grace Corne represented Wales in Dublin at the weekend in the Bob Docherty Home Nations Cup.**

The Wales under-15 girls squad took on tournament hosts Ireland in their opening fixture on Sunday and after an all-action first half the game remained all square at 0-0.

Ireland took the lead through a penalty in the second half but the young Dragons got back on level terms with a penalty of their own through Abergavenny Town player, Lucy Attwood.

With the match finishing 1-1, a penalty shootout was required to determine the victors and Wales came out on top 3-1.

Grace started the game in her usual central defensive position and put in an excellent performance along with her team mates to give Wales the perfect start to tournament in which they will now play Scotland for a place in the final.

It's been a fantastic 18 months as part of the national setup and her achievements further emphasises the opportunities available in the female game.

Barry Town Ladies FC chairman, Luke Williams, commented: "We are really proud of



Grace and her achievements to date and this follows a great 12 months with a number of Barry players representing Wales also in the 2016 event.

"The club is doing a great job of developing technically gifted players that are being selected for the national and regional teams on a regular basis and I have no doubt there are more to come through the system in the coming years."

"In the 2016 event we had no less than seven players as part of Wales's two squads which just shows the strength in depth we have in our junior setup which will eventually feed into our senior teams."

"The club's excellent community work in local schools over the past five years has seen hundreds of girls take up football and Grace herself started through this very means. "We saw Grace for the

first time aged 10 playing for Romilly Junior School in a Vale Girls Football Primary Festival that we delivered in June 2012 and as they say the rest is history."

"We knew she had great talent but her hard work and dedication has seen her grow into an international player which is a credit to her," Williams added.

Barry Town Ladies FC currently are the largest female football setup in Wales with over 220 players and 14 teams currently participating in the local South Wales Women's & Girls League and new players are always welcome.

The club offers football from ages five through the senior ladies - to find out more please visit our website: [www.btuladies.co.uk](http://www.btuladies.co.uk), email: [emai1@btuladies@gmail.com](mailto:emai1@btuladies@gmail.com) or contact: 07772 022435.

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# SCHOOL TEAM ARE BLOWN AWAY BY HOOVER SUPPORT



**B A R R Y Comprehensive School's under-14s rugby team has secured sponsorship from leading kitchen appliance manufacturer, Hoover Candy.**

The partnership has seen the company, which has offices in the nearby town of Meryth Tydfil, provide the school with a well-deserved donation of £500, to purchase brand new kits for the team's Barcelona rugby tour in April 2017.

Having played together for more than two years, the team has enjoyed a number of triumphs including: winning the Blues South Champions at 15-a-side and, its most prestigious victory as of yet, being awarded the Regional Cup for the Blues Schools under-13 championships.

Steve Macdonald, marketing director of

Hoover's freestanding division, said: "The under-14s at Barry Comprehensive School is a fantastic local team which has worked hard over the seasons to not only increase its player count, but win tournaments all over the country."

"We are delighted to offer our support by sponsoring the team's kit for the tour to Spain. We wish them the best of luck in their forthcoming games and look forward to hearing how the boys fair in the tournament!"

Dai Manley, rugby coach at the school, added: "We are delighted to receive this generous donation from Hoover. The players love their new kit and cannot wait to kick-start the tour."

"On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Hoover for this support. The new shirts look great, so fingers crossed they bring us some luck in Spain!"

## Boxing champion Lee to speak at charity evening

**LEE SELBY is due to be a guest speaker at 'A Night of Champions' in Bristol on May 6, a charity evening to support terminally ill Dean Francis.**

Only 43, Dean is a former British Commonwealth super middleweight champion who has cancer and less than a year to live unless he raises enough money to get treatment in the United States.

Dean's wife Ghalia is looking to raise £100,000

for in order for Dean to have further treatment that is currently unavailable under the NHS.

Lee will be dressed to impress at the event, in a suit designed by local designer Nathan Palmer.

You can support Dean's cause at [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/dean-francis?utm\\_id=2](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/dean-francis?utm_id=2), and you can follow Lee Selby on Twitter @leeselby126.

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## Gymnast Josh impresses!

**YMCA Barry have been celebrating the tremendous achievements of Josh Cook over the last three weeks, where Josh has competed in weekly competitions.**

Josh Cook is on the long list for the Welsh men's artistic gymnastics team for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

This has meant that Josh will compete at many competitions as trials leading up to the final selection for the Welsh Commonwealth Games.

Josh has certainly made a promising start to fulfil his ambition to gaining selection to the Games by his competition results over the last three weekends.

The first competition was the British Championships where Josh competed against the best gymnasts in the county in the under-18s category.

Josh had a fantastic competition where he earned fifth on Pommel Horse, third on Floor, third on Vault and overall where all six apparatus scores are combined Josh received fifth place.

To top the weekend off Josh's Floor mark gained him a place in the master's floor final.

The final consists of the top eight male gymnasts from all the age category which included gymnasts who competed in the Rio Olympics.

In the final Josh came a respectable seventh place. These incredible results portrayed that the hard work Josh and coach Pete Haysham are putting into these performances is truly paying off!

The second trial was the Welsh Championships in Cardiff where Josh



achieved second overall.

This was then followed by the English Championships where Josh competed as a guest gymnast.

Josh again competed against some of the best gymnasts in Britain and claimed fifth overall.

This result was again fantastic for the build up towards the Games and importantly Josh increased his personal best by two and a half marks.

It is safe to say Josh has gone a long way to earning his spot on the team with these impressive results.

Josh will now be back to his intensive training

focusing on increasing the difficulty of his routines ready for his next competition in three months time which will hopefully bring about even more success.

Have you got a child who could follow in Josh's footsteps?

YMCA Barry have classes suitable from 18 months and have specialist coaches teaching gymnastics in preschool, Women's Artistic, Men's Artistic, Rhythmic and Cheerleading.

For more information please call 01446 724000 or email [sophie@ymcabarry.org.uk](mailto:sophie@ymcabarry.org.uk)

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## Barrivale Bridge Club news

**LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for April 4:**

1st Irene Thomas & Jenny Vaughan 66.52%; 2nd Alan Jones & Lyn Matthews 62.19%; 3rd Debbie Dawkins & Hilary Morgan 60.86%. Debbie Dawkins and Hilary Morgan won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm. Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

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# ON AND OFF THE TURF - YOUR LATEST WELSH HORSE RACING NEWS WITH BRIAN LEE

## Isabel (19) comes in for praise at point-to-point steeplechase

**AT the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at chilly Uplands Farm, Ystradowen, near Cowbridge last Sunday, where one of Wales' former greatest female point-to-point riders Isabel Tompsett was in attendance as a one of the veterinary surgeons, it was another Isabel who came in for a lot of praise.**

Namely Llanrcarfan's Isabel Williams (aged 19), who rode a cracking race to land the Ladies Open Race on the 12-year-old former National Hunt performer Buck Mulligan, owned and trained by her mother Catherine, the wife of leading Welsh trainer Evan Williams.

Buck Mulligan, who according to racecourse commentator Edward Williams won around £100,000 in prize money in his younger days,

came home 15 lengths ahead of the favourite Captain Camelot (Hannah Lewis) after the pair had jumped the third last fence together. Four of the 14 entries went to post for the John Lovell National Mens Open Race over three miles and six furlongs and Steve Young's nine-year-old bay gelding NorthGeorge running in an open race for the first time won by a distance from the 33-1 outsider Whisker Sky (Mark Robinson).

The prolific Rosies Peacock (Bradley Gibbs) was still in with some sort of a chance when falling four out and the favourite Patrick Tom Boru (Ben Jones), who was alongside the winner, ran through the wing of the fence after apparently being "squeezed for room".

Rosies Peacock, usually one of the safest jumpers on the Welsh circuit, was said to have sustained a shoulder injury and his many admirers will be hoping that all is well with the gallant 14-year-old.

As for the connections

of NorthGeorge, they were delighted with his win and the Cheltenham Hunter Chase evening meeting on May 6 is probably next on the cards.

NorthGeorge's rider, Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, took the opening three-horse Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt Members, Subscribers & Farmers' Race on Mike Bassett's Really Unique which came home 15 lengths ahead of Mr Sawyer (Bradley Gibbs) with Miss Treacle (Mark Robinson) a further 10 lengths away.

Really Unique, at 12 the oldest of the three runners, is trained by Kieran Price who said: "He did the job well".

Moorcroft, whom I reported last week was riding better than ever, also won the Intermediate Race on Keiran Price's seven-year-old brown gelding Ramble On after jumping the last fence alongside Tinkers Hill Tommy (Bradley Gibbs).

The winning distance was just half-a-length and Chepstow's Dunraven Bowl Novices

Hunter Chase on April 28 is the target for Ramble On who was notching-up a hat-trick.

Claire Sherriff's best turned out seven-year-old Fraction Man gave Bradley Gibbs his 11th winner of the season when landing the Restricted race by two lengths from Minella Arts (Tom David) with Daisy Back (Peter Bryan) a further seven lengths away in third spot. Fraction Man who was winning for the third time in a row this season is trained by Bradley's father, David Gibbs.

The Open Maiden Race was divided on the day and Charlie Price who is destined for New Zealand took the first division on nine-year-old

Oscar Fiain which won by seven lengths from The Boss On The Hill (Craig Dowson).

The winner is trained by Bridgend's Jonathan Phillips and could be another Dunraven Bowl prospect.

The second division went to Mrs Sherree Lean's eight-year-old bay gelding Moree who given a good ride by west Wales' Jodie Hughes scored by eight lengths from Captain Kennit (Bradley Gibbs).

The winner clocked six minutes, 28 seconds compared to the much slower six minutes, 47 seconds it had taken Oscar Fiain to win the first division.

BRIAN LEE

## Christian's new role as a trainer

**EVER since he rode his first winner between-the-flags as a young lad, Ogmores by Sea's Christian Williams' racing career has been reported upon by yours truly in the pages of The GEM.**

All his ups and downs as an amateur point-to-point rider and later as a professional National Hunt jockey have been reported in these pages over the years, the wins, the injuries, the good times and the bad.

More years ago now than I care to remember, I awarded Christian my 'Most Promising Rider' award and I wrote back then that "... He has a promising future ahead of him and could, given the chances, make a name for himself under National Hunt rules".

Well, Christian certainly did that he rode more than 100 winners for legendary champion trainer Paul Nicholls and three of those wins were on the mighty Denman.

He rode Royal Auclair, which finished runner-up in the 2005 Aintree Grand National and, if my memory serves me right, he also finished second on two occasions in the Welsh Grand National at Chepstow.

A graduate of the Llangeinor Hunt Pony Club, Christian went to work as assistant trainer to Llanrcarfan's Evan Williams and he has also worked with Lambourn's

Dai Williams and Somerset's Richard Barber.

Now he had taken out a licence to train racehorses himself and he will be based at Ffos Las supreme Dai Walters'-owned The Hollies Stables on the outskirts of Cardiff.

Williams told the press: "I started work with Mr Walters four years ago and the natural progression now is to take out a licence. We have a state of art facility, which enables myself and the staff to maximise the potential of horses in our care."

"I finished riding after a lengthy thought process, when I felt the time was right for me personally. Since then I've enjoyed having a wide range of input into jobs at the yard, including being tasked to educate and prepare the exciting young horses Mr Walters purchases."

He added: "The people at the British Horseracing Authority were incredibly helpful in getting my licence sorted out for me to have runners over the Bank Holiday."

Two horses from Christian's yard to watch out for are Limited Reserve and Paddy's Motorbike.

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## Tributes are paid to point-to-pointer Derrick

**HUNT-racing enthusiasts in the Vale will be saddened to learn of the death after a long illness of former Welsh point-to-point rider Derrick Llewellyn of Pembrokeshire.**

Derrick who was aged 78, died peacefully at Parc-Y-Llyn Nursing Home, Pembrokeshire, and his funeral service takes on Tuesday, April 11, at Parc Gwyn Crematorium at 10.45am followed by a service of Thanksgiving at 12.30 at Uzmaston Church.

Derrick is survived by his widow Judith, son Christopher and daughters Caroline and Claire. He was also a loving grandfather of Morgan, Jack, Lara and Isabelle.

In 1959 Derrick riding his home-bred Clover Bud landed a division of the Lady Dudley Cup at the Worcestershire Hunt and the following year Clover Bud with David Nicholson in the saddle went on to win the Welsh Grand National at Chepstow.

As tough as old boots, Clover Bud won six more races under Rules and raced until she was 15, covering more than 150 miles of National Hunt fences and only on one occasion did she fall at the first fence in the Aintree Grand National.

An out and out stayer she won the Fred Winton at Cheltenham and a four-miler at Birmingham. Clover Bud died at the age of 27 and produced, among other good horses, Captain Clover and champion point-to-pointer National Clover who was the dam of that good Cheltenham performer Go Balistic.

Another good mare Derrick was associated with was Ronaheath and

Derrick's niece, amateur rider Charlotte Owen, said: "Ronaheath was Derrick's favourite as she was most difficult to train being a typical naughty chestnut mare. She often caused a scene in the paddock and if she jumped off at the start that was brilliant. Ronaheath won 15 races all told and in 1975 she won the Spillers Leading Point-To-Pointer Trophy."

National Clover, which Derrick had bred from his mare Clover Bud, was one of the best ladies' open race horses in the country and in 1984 she won the Grand Marnier Trophy winning nine times and in all but one of those races was partnered by Mandy Lingard.

On one occasion at a point-to-point presentation evening in Bridgend, David quietly gave me a fiver to have a drink. A generous gesture considering that for some time I had been writing him up in my reports as Derek instead of his correct christian name Derrick.

Someone told me that I had been misspelling his name and when I next saw him I said: "Derrick, why didn't you tell me I have been misspelling your name?" He replied: "I was just glad I was getting a mention."

Some other good point-to-pointers that Derrick rode were Worthy Lad, a big strong gelding which stood nearly 17 h.h., Reverendo, Pilboy and Rosemary's Russet.

BRIAN LEE

## Glamorgan driving towards success with Aston Martin!

**WELSH cricket will be driven forwards thanks to a lucrative new partnership deal for Glamorgan CCC and Cricket Wales with leading sports car manufacturer Aston Martin Lagonda.**

The partnership was formally revealed at a high-profile handover event for Aston Martin's new facility at MoD St Athan, in attendance with senior UK and Welsh Ministers.

The partnership, which covers the 2017, 2018 and 2019 seasons, includes support for the GCCC first team as well as the age-grade teams from Cricket Wales.

The full Glamorgan cricket squad was in attendance at the event sporting their 2017 kit, which will carry the iconic Aston Martin wings on the collar for all three formats of the game.

Representatives from all Cricket Wales age-grade teams were also in attendance, wearing their new kit, with 'Aston Martin - supporting Welsh cricket' emblazoned on the front.

According to Hugh Morris, chief executive of GCCC, Aston Martin's partnership with Glamorgan Cricket and Cricket Wales underlines the importance of sport in Wales from grassroots through to elite level.

"We are delighted to be working with such an iconic British company as Aston Martin and very proud that they have chosen to support Glamorgan Cricket and the

development of youth cricket in Wales.

"Glamorgan are the only county that represents a whole country and all our partners, including Aston Martin, recognise the unique opportunities that this offers."

"I'd like to thank the team at Aston Martin for their support and we look forward to working with them over the next three years."

Aston Martin has started work to transform the super hangar facility at MoD St Athan into a production facility capable of manufacturing luxury vehicles.

Directly creating 750 new jobs at the plant, the first vehicle from St Athan, the DBX sports utility vehicle, will start production in 2019.

"Aston Martin has made a bold move in committing to manufacturing in Wales, and our decision has been well supported and warmly welcomed by everyone in Wales," commented Aston Martin chief executive, Andy Palmer.

"It is our strong intention to contribute to the future success of Cardiff and Wales as a whole, not just as an employer, but also by playing our part in the wider community. This partnership demonstrates our commitment to that, and I am very much looking forward to seeing Glamorgan and some of the youth teams in action this summer."

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## Barry RFC battle to earn bonus point win against Llanishen

**BARRY scored four tries in a bonus point win against Llanishen at the Reservoir Field last Saturday, with the victory moving them up to fourth in the table.**

Kicking off up the slope, Barry immediately camped in the visitors' 22 after being awarded an early penalty. Winning the resultant lineout, they drove into the heart of the visitors' defence and crossed for a converted try with only minutes of the game played.

This early break gave them confidence to play the expansive game they like to play but despite the possession, they enjoyed a mixture of bad luck and poor execution which saw the visitors line remain intact.

With both sides throwing the ball about, there were bound to be chances at either end and it was no surprise when Llanishen opened their account as Barry lost the ball on halfway for the visiting backs to break through some poor tackling to cross for a try which went unconverted.

Buoyed by their success, the following

minutes saw the game played mostly in Barry territory, as the visitors pressured the Barry line, only to be thwarted by solid defending and unforced errors.

Their efforts were rewarded, as Barry were penalised at a scrum allowing an easy kick at goal which, when successful, gave them a one point lead.

Barry came back on the attack as they took a scrum against the head and gained some 50m before the move broke down but earned them a penalty which Barross calmly put between the posts from 45 metres out and put Barry back into the lead.

Now it was Barry's turn to get on top as the game turned again. A break from the home 22 gained 70 metres and looked likely to lead to a score, only for the referee to penalise them. They kept up the pressure and got their reward as a loose ball found Evans in space to cross unopposed and with Barross kicking the conversion, Barry moved into a 17-8 lead.

Before half time, Barry were to add to their tally after a bout of recycling from a counter



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attack gave Hadfield a try and another Barross conversion gave them 16 point half-time lead.

Early minutes of the second half were even, with both sides eager to attack but meeting some

stubborn defending.

Clear chances were few and far between, but the better of those went the way of the visitors. The stalemate was finally broken as Llanishen drove the lineout following a penalty award to break the Barry defence for a converted try to reduce the deficit to 9 points.

Llanishen piled on the pressure as Barry became scrappy both in attack and defence, but despite this, they won another scrum against the head and took play to the visitors' line.

The visitors completely messed up the lineout; Hadfield was quickest to react to the loose ball to get the try, which put Barry into the lead by 14 points.

Barry were still under pressure as their defensive kicking was not effective and with Llanishen prepared to attack from anywhere,

the game looked far from over.

This was underlined as a series of moves saw them take play close to the Barry line, where a driven lineout saw them cross for an unconverted try.

The final minutes of the match were tense but Barry managed to thwart all Llanishen's efforts while at the same time still creating chances of their own.

This result was probably a fair reflection on the game in the end, and as the season draws to a close, all games can be tense affairs.

This Saturday, Barry travel to Penarth in a league fixture, kicking off at 2.30pm.

Finding a winner of the club lottery still goes on, as last week's numbers 06, 11, 14 and 23 were not matched. This week's jackpot will be £4,350.

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## Barry Town United gain licence for promotion!



Barry Town United remain focused on promotion. ALL PICTURES BY SAME OLD SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY.



Bradley Cotterill made his first team debut on Saturday.

**BARRY Town United have been awarded the Domestic Licence required to participate in the Welsh Premier League - with four final fixtures standing between them and a return to Wales' top flight.**

The Town were one of 16 clubs across the country to receive the green light from the FAW's Club Licensing First Instance Body, as confirmed at their annual meeting in Cardiff last Thursday (April 6).

Barry joined the 12 existing Welsh Premier sides and Huws Gray Alliance trio Prestatyn Town, Caernarfon Town and Flint Town United in achieving a Domestic Licence, which is a mandatory requirement for any club seeking to play at Welsh Premier League level in the 2017-18 season.

With Prestatyn winning the Alliance in March, the Seaside will take the place vacated by relegated Airbus next season, with Barry still needing further points from their closing fixtures to replace one of Rhyl, Aberystwyth Town, Cefn Druids or Llandudno, each of whom have important WPL fixtures this weekend.

As things stand, a finish in the top two of Welsh League Division One would be enough for Barry to secure promotion.

However, should Haverfordwest County (who were denied the Domestic Licence) mount a successful appeal and win the division, the Bluebirds would seize the one promotion place.

The set of scenarios had been further complicated the previous evening, as Penybont cracked the feeder league's top three, with Rhys Griffiths' in-form side sealing a 5-1 win at Cwmbran Celtic.

Despite the Bridgend club withdrawing their own Domestic Licence application earlier in the season, a top two comprised of Penybont and Goytre would see Barry

edged out of a promotion place.

However, Penybont and Goytre must play each other at Bryntirion Park on Saturday, April 22, and with Haverfordwest falling 3-1 to Cambrian and Clydach at the weekend, any promotion prospects remains in Barry's hands, despite the Town falling to a 1-0 defeat at Goytre United last Saturday.

After eight consecutive wins on their travels, Barry found themselves without James Dixon, Jordan Cotterill and Tyrell Webbe on Saturday, as a former Town player emerged to make the difference.

With a first half stalemate giving little away, spritely midfielder Scott Jones emerged to score the second half winner, keeping his former teammates tied to 54 points at sun-kissed Glanhafod Park.

Following second-placed Goytre's game in hand against Taffs Well on Wednesday night, Barry will look to reassert their focus and claim as many points as possible from the four remaining matches.

Supporters will welcome the news that three of these are at home, beginning with Risca United this Saturday (April 15) and continuing with the rematch against Goytre United on Tuesday evening.

Admission to the Jenner Park fixtures is available on the matchdays, with entry via the Gladstone and Barry Road turnstiles £5 per game and concessions available for seniors, students and children.

Fans intending to come and cheer on the Town are advised that the Tuesday night match with Goytre United will kick-off at the earlier time of 7.15pm, with Saturday's set for the regular 2.30pm.

The Town's final away day of 2016-17 is at Cambrian and Clydach on Saturday, April 22, with the curtain coming down on the campaign seven days later against Ton Pentre at Jenner Park (both 2.30pm kick-offs).

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## Cricket programme launches for youngsters

**BARRY ATHLETIC Cricket Club will be delivering All Stars Cricket Sessions at their club on Barry Island for five-eight year olds.**

All Stars is a brand new initiative from the England and Wales Cricket Board aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket.

The programme is being delivered across England and Wales at over 1,500 fully accredited All Stars Cricket centres.

It is a fun and active way to develop your child's skills, and through our eight-week programme they will learn lots of new skills as well as make new friends in a safe and inclusive environment.

To register your child for the All Stars scheme please visit [www.allstarscricket.co.uk](http://www.allstarscricket.co.uk)

Every child that registers for All

Stars Cricket will receive a personalised t-shirt, bat, ball, water bottle, cap and backpack and eight weeks of sessions taking place at Barry Athletic Cricket Club.

Barry Athletic in partnership with Cadwaladers café (located at Barry Island) are running two registration sign up nights where you can meet the youth coordinator and trained activators who will be able to sign your child up to All Stars and provide a free tea or coffee and cake.

The registration sign up nights will be taking place on Tuesday, May 2 and Tuesday, May 9 from 7.30pm-8.30pm at the Cadwaladers café.

For more information on All Stars Cricket please contact Mark Ellis, the Barry Athletic youth coordinator, on 07826 020707, or Dougie Batchelor, lead All Stars activator, on 07789 554859.

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